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Turkey's International Trade Investigation & Country-Based Products Concentration in International Trade (2012-2016)

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ABSTRACT

Many different economic models have been applied in Turkey from the past to the present and foreign trade activities have been shaped in line with the models. With the model of integration to the global economy applied after 1980, Turkey has switched to a new economic model and imported substitution structure in foreign trade has been abandoned and industrialization for exports has been started. Although this model has increased exports today, it has triggered a bigger increase in imports compared to exports and has not been able to bring a solution to Turkey's foreign trade deficits. In this study, country and product based changes of international trade for the years between 2012 and 2016, were examined and the situation of commercial concentration was analyzed. As a result of the study, it was determined that the amount of imports of mineral fuels decreased in each period, and that imports from Russia had a tendency to decrease, while imports from China had tendency to increase. In this period, we also found that the concentration rate of international trade with European Union countries increased in this period of five years, especially in exports.

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