**How COVID-19 Pandemic Influences Turkish Export Flow?**

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**Abstract**

International trade, and especially exports, is key to the economic development and increased prosperity of countries. The COVID-19 pandemic started to affect international trade by supply and demand-based shocks. This economic distortion causes serious disruptions in the global supply chain. On top of all these casualties, conservative trade policies and non-tariff measures of some countries render the situation more complicated. The reduction in mobility of goods and services affected various industries. Besides analyzing Turkish export performance during the pandemic, in this paper, Turkey’s geographical location in the heart of the Afro-Eurasia trade routes was also taken into consideration to portray a background of trade flows. It is also comprehensively discussed the advantage of Turkey's proximity to its main export markets such as European and Middle-eastern countries. Beyond what the numbers illustrate, it is concluded that there is a high potential to generate much higher export volumes for Turkey which will solve the infrastructural issues.

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