**COMPARISON OF COUNTRIES’ EXPORT FOR “*EDIBLE FRUIT AND NUTS; PEEL OF CITRUS FRUIT OR MELONS”* PRODUXT GROUP IN THE PERIOD BEFORE AND AFTER COVID-19**

**Purpose:** Covid-19 pandemic forces the states to limit the Daily activities of the public and thus people started to spend more time in their homes. The value of some companies as Zoom or Netflix appreciate during that term. In addition to this, the consumption patterns of people has shifted. Therefore, the export of “*Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons*” for countries as Turkey and Spain increased whereas the total export of that countries declined. The main purpose of the study is the comparison and the discussion of “*Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons*” product group – Turkey has been an exporter for years (Pamuk, 2014:103) – export and total export of selected countries before and after Covid-19 pandemic. Besides, the another target of the study is the performance evaluation of Turkey for that product group.

**Methodology:** The study analyzes the quarterly export figures of both proper Harmonized System (HS) codes and total export of countries via descriptive approach. The date of pandemic has been declared by World Health Organization (WHO) (2020) as of 11 March 2020 and that’s why, this descriptive study takes the growth rates the last three quarters of 2018, 2019 and 2020.

**Findings**: United States of America (USA), Spain, Netherlands, Turkey and Chile are the five countries that always been a part of the biggest 10 for the *Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons*” product group (Trade Map, 2021). As a result of this, the study analyzes the trade data of these five countries. According to the results, just Turkey has positive total export growth (1,7%) for last three quarters of 2019. The export growth of other countries and 2020 Turkey’s export is negative. On the other hand, Turkey recorded double digit positive growth in the related product group for both years 2019 and 2020. The details of findings are presented in the Table 1 as follows:

**Tablo 1.** The Last Three Quarters Growth Rates of Selected Countries and *Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons*” Produc Group

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|  | **Export of Related Product Group** | **Total Export**  |
| **Countries** | **2019 Growth** | **2020 Growth** | **2019 Growth**  | **2020 Growth** |
| **USA** | 4.7% | -7.1% | -1.9% | -16.3% |
| **Spain** | 1.1% | 7.3% | -1.8% | -5.2% |
| **Netherlands** | -1.1% | 13.5% | -2.4% | -8.6% |
| **Turkey** | 10.2% | 11.4% | 1.7% | -1.7% |
| **Chile** | 2.4% | -2.2% | -10.6% | -1.1% |

**Result**: The results demonstrates that Turkey follows a successful export policy for related product group that is one of the revealed comparative advantage product group of Turkey. The next studies in the future present the more certain results to measure the sustainable growth path of Turkey in that product group for post Covid-19 pandemic term.

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