

*GOVERNMENT POLICIES ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND TRADE VOLUME: THE
TURKISH CASE*

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Developed countries have implemented some policies to increase trade volume not only among themselves but also among developing countries and these policies have caused restrictions on environmental issues. On the other hand, World Trade Organization (WTO) has advocated regularities on environmental topics because these policies help consumers to get more quality products. Therefore, WTO claims that these regularities are not a restriction on trade. Countries in European Union (EU) has asked member countries to obey common polices in the production of some goods, which are subject to common trade policies, and also member countries have to carry out some requirements in the health standard and environmental issues. Turkey accepted WTO's agreements in 1994 and in 1996 Turkey made an agreement with EU about common custom but these are not enough for Turkey to increase trade volume among EU countries and other countries. Also, Turkey has to make out other regularities in the environmental issues in order to increase trade volume. In this paper, I will investigate Turkish government's role in environmental protection policies in order to achieve a high volume of trade.