



EFFECT OF EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE OF TURK EXIMBANK ON EXPORT: A STUDY ON AFRICA

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ABSTRACT

Purpose- Export credit insurance is an important tool for correcting market failures caused by transaction costs due to asymmetric information, distrust of buyer's quality and collecting export receivables with confidence. By eliminating political and commercial risks, it helps exporters to enter new markets with confidence and increase their sales. This study aims to determine the effect of export credit insurance support of Turk Eximbank on export between the years of 2003 and 2019 which is an important component of Turkey's Africa Strategy.

Methodology- The study employs panel gravity model in which Poisson pseudo maximum likelihood regressor is used. Turkey's exports are included as the dependent variable in the model whereas the independent variables used are export credit insurance, income of importer countries and the distance between importer countries and Turkey. In order to find out the effect of the African Strategy on exports, the dummy variables of free trade agreements, location of Turkish Embassies, Turkish Airlines' flight destinations, the common culture relationship and landlocked are also included in the model.

Findings- The findings indicate that export credit insurance, income of importer country, diplomatic missions and direct flights between countries have positive effect on exports while distance and landlocked have negative effect. In addition, Turkey's Africa Strategy implemented through public diplomacy seems to be successful in increasing exports.

Conclusion- It may be concluded that export credit insurance is important in terms of eliminating uncertainties as well as non-payments, and that region/continent oriented policies increase exports. In this context, it is recommended that exporters who are planning to enter new markets should benefit from export credit insurance support of Turk Eximbank. On the other hand, it is considered that more information can be obtained about buyers and products devoted to buyers can be better promoted by establishing Turk Eximbank liaison offices within diplomatic missions overseas.

Keywords: Turkey's Africa strategy, Turk Eximbank, export credit insurance, gravity model, Poisson Pseudo maximum likelihood

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TÜRK EXIMBANK İHRACAT KREDİ SIGORTASININ İHRACATA ETKİSİ: AFRİKA ÜZERİNE BİR ÇALIŞMA

ÖZET

Amaç- İhracat kredi sigortası, asimetrik bilgi ve alıcının kalitesine ilişkin güvensizlik nedeniyle işlem maliyetlerinden kaynaklanan piyasa başarısızlıklarını düzeltmek ve ihracat alacaklarını güvenle tahsil etmek için önemli bir araçtır. Politik ve ticari riskleri ortadan kaldırılarak ihracatçıların yeni pazarlara güvenle girmelerine ve satışlarını artırmalarına yardımcı olmaktadır. Bu çalışmada, Türk Eximbank ihracat kredi sigortası desteğinin, Türkiye'nin Afrika Stratejisinin önemli bir bileşeni olan ihracata etkisinin, 2003-2019 dönemi için tespit edilmesi amaçlanmaktadır.

Yöntem- Poisson pseudo en çok olabilirlik tahminci kullanılarak panel çekim modeli yardımıyla kurulan modelled kullanılan bağımsız değişkenler ihracat kredi sigortası, ithalatçı ülkelerin gelirleri ve ithalatçı ülkeler ile Türkiye arasındaki uzaklıktır. Afrika Stratejisinin ihracata etkisini belirleyebilmek için serbest ticaret anlaşmaları, T.C. Büyükelçiliklerinin mukim olduğu ülkeler, Türk Hava Yolları A.O.nun uçuş noktaları, ortak kültür ilişkisi ve denize kıyı olma kukla değişkenlerin de modele dahil edilmiştir.

Bulgular- Elde edilen bulgular, ihracat kredi sigortası, ithalatçı ülke geliri, diplomatik temsilcilik ve ülkeler arası doğrudan uçuş değişkenlerinin ihracatı olumlu; ülkeler arasındaki uzaklık ve denize kıyı olma değişkenlerinin ise ihracatı olumsuz etkilediğini göstermektedir. Ayrıca, kamu diplomasisi vasıtasiyla uygulanan Afrika Stratejisinin ihracatı artırmada başarılı olduğu görülmektedir.

Sonuç- Çalışma sonuçları, belirsizliklerin giderilmesi ve batık riskinin bertaraf edilmesi açısından ihracat kredi sigortasının önemli olduğunu ve bölge/kıta odaklı politikaların ihracatı artırduğunu ortaya koymustur. Bu çerçevede, özellikle yeni pazarlara yönelik planlayan ihracatçıların, Türk Eximbank ihracat kredi sigortası desteğinden faydalansması tavsiye edilmektedir. Öte yandan, yurt dışındaki diplomatik temsilcilikler içerisinde Türk Eximbank irtibat ofisleri kurularak hem alıcılar hakkında daha fazla bilgi edinilebileceği hem de alıcılarla yönelik olan Türk Eximbank ürünlerinin daha iyi tanıtılabileceği değerlendirilmektedir.

Anahtar Kelimeler: Türkiye'nin Afrika stratejisi, Türk Eximbank, ihracat kredi sigortası, çekim modeli, Poisson Pseudo en çok olabilirlik.

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