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Decision of the Supreme Electoral Council dated 27/3/2024 and numbered 2024/825

- *Official Gazette dated March 28, 2024 and numbered 32503, Board Decision*

The decisions made on 27/3/2024 are as follows:

1. Elections for mukhtars and the council of elders in new neighborhoods will not be held until January 1, 2025. Instead, they will take place on the first Sunday occurring 60 days after the announcement date.
2. Municipal and mukhtar elections that were postponed, as well as elections in new villages and places transformed from villages into neighborhoods, will be conducted on Sunday, June 2, 2024.
3. District election boards responsible for holding by-elections will review undelivered address declaration forms and update the voter lists accordingly.
4. Different procedures will be implemented in case of annulment for the general elections scheduled for March 31, 2024, depending on the type of election.

Among the various provisions are details such as defining election types from SEÇSİS, issuing ballot papers, and compensating officials.

Amendment to the Regulation on Precautionary Plans to be Prepared by Systemically Important Banks

- Official Gazette dated March 29, 2024 and numbered 32504, Regulation



In summary, the following amendments have been made:

- The Regulation on the preparation of precautionary plans has been amended to introduce the concept of precautionary capacity.
- The regulation on the impacts of precautionary measures has been updated.
- Various analyses are now required to assess the impacts of precautionary measures.
- The importance of the communication plan is emphasized, with a focus on mitigating risks associated with the implementation of precautionary measures.
- Inconsistencies identified through scenario analysis must be eliminated or explained.
- Changes in dates and authorities have been made in some articles.
- The Board has been granted authority to issue guidelines on the implementation of the regulation.

Regulation on Design, Calculation and Construction Principles of Wooden Buildings

- Official Gazette dated March 24, 2024 and numbered 32499, Regulation

The purpose of this regulation is to govern the safe design and construction of load-bearing timber structural elements. Its scope encompasses building-type structures comprised of timber structural elements either solely or in conjunction with other systems. It is founded upon the relevant articles of the Presidential Decree on the Organization of the Presidency. The principles outlined within stipulate specific material standards, authorized inspection requirements, and adherence to either Turkish or European standards. The Regulation will come into effect on January 1, 2025.

Amendment to the Regulation on Incentives for the Construction of New Ships to Replace Scrapped Turkish Flag Ships

- Official Gazette dated March 23, 2024 and numbered 32498, Regulation



The recent amendments to the Regulation on Incentives for the Construction of New Ships to Replace Turkish Flagged Ships that are Scrapped entail a significant increase in the limit for scrap ship incentives, raising it from 5,000 to 50,000. Additionally, modifications to certain article phrases have been enacted, alongside changes to the documentation required for scrapped ships. Notably, sworn financial advisors have been authorized, alongside classification societies, and Provisional Article 1 has been repealed as part of these regulatory adjustments.

Social Security Institution Press Release on Pension Promotion



In summary, the promotional payments for our citizens receiving pensions have been determined between 8 thousand and 12 thousand liras, and beneficiaries receiving death pensions will receive a promotion payment of 5 thousand liras. Pensioners and beneficiaries are required to apply to banks for these payments. The amounts determined are at the minimum level and banks will be able to increase the amount of promotions in line with their own practices. The list of banks that signed the protocol has been announced to the public.

Regulation on Market Surveillance and Inspection of Radio Equipment

- *Official Gazette dated March 27, 2024 and numbered 32502, Regulation*



The purpose of the Regulation is to establish procedures and principles for market surveillance and inspection activities aimed at ensuring the safety and compliance of radio equipment under the jurisdiction of the Information and Communication Technologies Authority with relevant technical regulations. This regulation mandates that devices must meet safety standards and comply with technical regulations before entering the market. Technical regulations primarily address fundamental requirements such as human health, occupational safety, consumer protection, and environmental considerations. Device safety is affirmed when it adheres to technical regulations, and in cases where such regulations are absent, compliance with national or international standards is deemed acceptable. Regular inspections are conducted, and certificates of conformity are scrutinized to ensure ongoing compliance.

KVKK (Data Breach Notification) - Allianz Sigorta A.Ş.

In summary, according to the data breach notification submitted to the Board by Allianz Sigorta A.Ş.:

- The breach occurred between 07.03.2024 and 18.03.2024. Cyber attackers gained unauthorized access to the "Service Desk" platform of the data controller agencies.
- The extent of personal data affected by the breach has not been fully determined, but it is believed to include identity information, visual and audio recordings, communication and financial data, as well as special categories of personal data.
- The breach has impacted employees, business partners, customers, and potential customers.
- Affected individuals will be informed via email and a call center. The Board is currently reviewing the data breach notification and has decided to announce it on the Authority's website.

Amendment to the Regulation on the Establishment of Overriding Rights on Public Immovables for Education and Dormitory Activities

- *Official Gazette dated March 28, 2024 and numbered 32503, Regulation*



The amendments to the existing regulation are as follows:

- The name of the Regulation has been changed to "Regulation on the Establishment of Overriding Rights on Public Immovables for Education and Dormitory Activities and Granting Use Permits".
- The Council of Ministers has been replaced by the President, and the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization, and Climate Change has been replaced by the Ministry of Finance.
- Definitions of terms such as educational activity, administration, institution quota, and dormitory provision activity have been updated.
- Assessments of the amendments will be made in line with the data reported by the Ministry of National Education, Ministry of Youth and Sports, and Presidency of Religious Affairs.
- The maximum duration of occupancy permits has been set.
- Updates have been made in the articles where the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization, and Climate Change is referred to, replacing it with the Ministry of Finance.