

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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- *Official Gazette dated May 21, 2024 and numbered 32552, Presidential Decrees and Communiqué*

On May 21, 2024, with the Presidential Decrees and the General Communiqué on Collection published in the Official Gazette No. 32552, the late payment interest and deferment interest rates for public receivables were re-determined along with the Legal Interest and Default Interest rates.

With the Presidential Decree No. 8485, the annual Legal Interest and Default Interest rate has been increased from 9% to 24% as of June 1, 2024.

Furthermore, with Presidential Decision No. 8484, the default interest rate on public receivables has been increased from 3.5% to 4.5% as of May 21, 2024.

According to the General Communiqué on Collection published by the Revenue Administration of the Ministry of Treasury and Finance, the rate of deferment interest has been increased from 36% to 48% as of May 21, 2024.

Regulation Amending the Regulation on Recognition and Equivalence of Foreign Higher Education Diplomas has been published

- Official Gazette dated May 24, 2024 and numbered 32555, Regulation



The Regulation on Recognition and Equivalence of Foreign Higher Education Diplomas, published by the Council of Higher Education, has been amended as per the changes published in the Official Gazette dated 5/12/2017 and numbered 30261.

With the amendment made, in the equivalence applications of those who completed their secondary education in Turkey, to medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and law programs in Turkey, where success ranking is sought, if the higher education institution abroad where they enrolled cannot meet the ranking specified in the fifth paragraph of Article 7, they will be required to submit the exam result document showing that they have achieved the minimum success ranking sought for the program in the central placement exam held by the Student Selection and Placement Center (ÖSYM) in the relevant year upon enrollment in a higher education institution abroad.

Additionally, the provision stating, "For applicants who completed their secondary education in Turkey, in equivalence applications to programs where success ranking in Turkey is required, if they fail to meet the minimum success ranking required for the program in the central placement exam conducted by ÖSYM in the year they enrolled in a foreign higher education institution, their applications will be rejected," has been revised to include medical, dentistry, pharmacy, and law programs.

Presidential Decree on Visa Exemption for Romanian Citizens

- Official Gazette dated May 21, 2024 and numbered 32552, Presidential Decree



It has been decided to provide visa exemption for Romanian citizens for their touristic travels and transits to Turkey for a maximum stay of 90 days for every 180 days.

Mobilization and State of War Regulation has been Published

- Official Gazette dated May 22, 2024 and numbered 32553, Presidential Decree



The relevant regulation has been prepared to regulate the State's ability to use all its forces and resources to prepare for a state of mobilization and/or a state of war, or in cases where these have not yet been declared but a situation that may require war may arise.

With the regulation, the Regulation on Mobilization and State of War dated May 24, 1990, has been repealed. The authority given to the Council of Ministers in the repealed regulation has been vested in the President. Detailed procedures and principles regarding the President's authority and duties have been established.

Along with the procedures and principles to be applied in mobilization and wartime situations, the regulation covers very detailed topics, ranging from which institution will declare mobilization to cyber security measures and under what conditions and terms reserve personnel can be selected.

Regulation Amending the Implementation Regulation of Law No. 6306 has been Published

- *Official Gazette dated May 21, 2024 and numbered 32552, Regulation*

With the regulation published by the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization, amendments were made to the Implementation Regulation of the Law No. 6306, published in the Official Gazette dated 15/12/2012 and numbered 28498.

The term "Ministry" in Article 3 of the Regulation has been replaced with "Urban Transformation Directorate." The definitions of reserve building area and risky areas have been redefined. The powers of the Urban Transformation Directorate have also been regulated by the Regulation.



Additionally, the regulation also defines what risky buildings are, how risky buildings will be determined, the decisions made regarding determined risky buildings, and the rights of owners of risky buildings and their avenues of appeal against these decisions.

In risky areas, reserve building areas, and parcels where risky buildings are located, it is now mandatory to provide certain amounts of collateral for the practices to be carried out.

You can access the relevant regulation [here](#).

The Regulation on Examination of Artisan Officers, Implementing Specialist Officers, and Specialist Officers Serving on Contract at the General Directorate of State Opera and Ballet has been Published.

- *Official Gazette dated May 21, 2024 and numbered 32552, Regulation*



The regulation outlines the conditions and procedures for the selection of personnel to be employed on a contract basis in accordance with Law No. 1309 dated 14/7/1970 regarding the personnel of the State Opera and Ballet.

Candidates participating in the exam must meet the general conditions specified in subparagraphs (1), (2), (4), (5), (6) and (7) of Article 48 (A) of Law No. 657, as well as certain specific conditions.

Some of these include:

- For trainee chorus artists, trainee opera soloists, trainee orchestra artists, and trainee ballet artists, graduating from faculties providing music and performing arts education within higher education institutions or academies and conservatories at least at the undergraduate level, specifically in the ballet department.

Contract personnel exams will be announced in the Official Gazette and on the institution's website designated by the President, and the exams will be conducted in the form of practical exams and interviews.

Communiqué on Prevention of Unfair Competition in Imports has been Published

- Official Gazette dated May 21, 2024 and numbered 32552, Announcement



With the Communiqué published based on the Law on Prevention of Unfair Competition in Imports dated 14/6/1989 and numbered 3577, an investigation into the nullification of measures regarding the import of "various knuckle ring chains and parts" and the procedures and principles of the opened investigation were determined.

As a result of the investigation, it was decided to open an investigation against nullification of measures under Article 38 of the Regulation on Prevention of Unfair Competition in Imports.

Regulation Amending the Implementing Regulation on Electronic Tender has been Published

- Official Gazette dated May 18, 2024 and numbered 32550, Regulation

With the regulation published by the Public Procurement Authority, amendments were made to the Implementing Regulation on Electronic Tender published in the Official Gazette dated 25/2/2011 and numbered 27857.

With the regulation, the procedures and principles have been established for notifications related to purchases, tenders, and contract processes made as exceptions to the Law, which can also be carried out through the Electronic Public Procurement Platform (EKAP).

Changes have been made to the expressions in some declarations included in the Regulation on Electronic Tender Implementation, and some wordings have been added.

For tenders announced before the effective date of the regulation, which will come into effect on 15/06/2024, the provisions of the regulation at the time of the announcement or announcement will be valid.

Implementing Regulation on Electronic Public Procurement has been published

- Official Gazette dated May 18, 2024 and numbered 32550, Regulation

With the regulation published by the Public Procurement Authority, the procedures and principles for conducting tenders, direct procurements, and related contract processes under the Public Procurement Law numbered 4734 dated 4/1/2002 through the Electronic Public Procurement Platform have been regulated.



The regulation outlines the operating principles of the Electronic Public Procurement Platform (EKAP). According to the regulation, it is mandatory for individuals and legal entities participating in public procurement processes with the authorities via EKAP to register on the platform. Within the scope of the relevant regulation, the following processes can be partially or entirely conducted through EKAP:

- Tenders conducted under exceptions and the contracts related to them.
- Direct procurements and the contracts related to them.
- Any kind of tender falling outside the scope of the law and the contracts related to them.

With the published regulation, the approximate cost of the tender subject to procurement, taking into account the technical specifications of the work, will begin to be prepared on EKAP based on work items, units, inputs, and similar components. For the submission of applications or bids, the e-bidding method will be applied.

You can access the full regulation with detailed provisions that will enter into force on 15/1/2025 [here](#).

Regulation Amending the Regulation on Applications for Tenders has been Published

- *Official Gazette dated May 18, 2024 and numbered 32550, Regulation*

With the regulation published by the Public Procurement Authority, the Regulation on Applications for Tenders published in the Official Gazette dated 3/1/2009 and numbered 27099 have been amended.

The third paragraph of Article 5 of the relevant regulation has been repealed. The provision for entry into Public Tenders via the Electronic Public Procurement Platform (EKAP) using an e-signature has now been changed to entry via the EKAP account.

An additional article has been added to the regulation. With the additional article added to the Regulation, tenders announced or notified in writing before the effective date of the Regulation will be concluded according to the provisions of the Regulation in force on the date of the announcement or notification. This Regulation published in the Official Gazette and will enter into force on 15/01/2025.

Regulation Amending the Implementing Regulation on Construction Works Tender has been Published

- *Official Gazette dated May 18, 2024 and numbered 32550, Regulation*



With the regulation published by the Public Procurement Authority, amendments were made to the Implementing Regulation on Construction Works Tenders, published in the Official Gazette dated 4/3/2009 and numbered 27159, without prejudice to the provisions of the Implementing Regulation on Electronic Public Procurement.

With the amendments made by the published regulation, efforts were made to harmonize the Implementing Regulation on Construction Works Tenders, published in the Official Gazette dated 4/3/2009 and numbered 27159, with the Electronic Public Procurement Platform (EKAP).

Regulation Amending the Implementing Regulation on Service Procurement Auctions has been Published

- *Official Gazette dated May 18, 2024 and numbered 32550, Regulation*

With the regulation published by the Public Procurement Authority, amendments were made to the Implementing Regulation on Service Procurement Auctions, published in the Official Gazette dated 4/3/2009 and numbered 27159, without prejudice to the provisions of the Implementing Regulation on Electronic Public Procurement.

With the amendments made by the published regulation, efforts were made to harmonize the Implementing Regulation on Service Procurement Auctions, published in the Official Gazette dated 4/3/2009 and numbered 27159, with the Electronic Public Procurement Platform (EKAP).



Regulation Amending the Implementing Regulation on Procurement of Goods Auctions has been Published

- *Official Gazette dated May 18, 2024 and numbered 32550, Regulation*

With the regulation published by the Public Procurement Authority, amendments were made to the Implementing Regulation on Goods Procurement Auctions, published in the Official Gazette dated 4/3/2009 and numbered 27159, without prejudice to the provisions of the Implementing Regulation on Electronic Public Procurement.

With the amendments made by the published regulation, efforts were made to harmonize the Implementing Regulation on Goods Procurement Auctions, published in the Official Gazette dated 4/3/2009 and numbered 27159, with the Electronic Public Procurement Platform (EKAP).

TDPL Public Announcement Data Breach Notifications

As a result of the investigations carried out by the Authority, data breaches of Lizay Kuyumculuk Ticaret Anonim Şirketi and Asimetrik Ses Işık ve Görüntü Sistemleri Anonim Şirketi were determined and announced on the website of the Authority on 23/05/2024.



It is stated that the data breach was detected by Lizay Kuyumculuk Ticaret Anonim Şirketi with the e-mail sent by the cyber attacker to the data controller, while the data breach before Asimetrik Ses Işık ve Görüntü Sistemleri Anonim Şirketi is thought to have occurred as a result of the cyber attacker obtaining a username and password registered in the data controller system and obtaining the data of other users registered in the system.

Investigations regarding the breaches are ongoing by the Authority.

Draft Regulation on the Procedures and Principles Regarding the Funds not considered as Deposits in Development and Investment Banks and Draft Communiqué on Credit Limits in Development and Investment Banks were Published

The Draft Regulation sets out the procedures and principles regarding the funds that will not be considered as deposits among the funds that development and investment banks will obtain from their loan customers, partnerships, and shareholders.

The Draft Communiqué sets out the procedures and principles regarding the limits for credits that may be extended to individuals or legal entities or risk groups by development and investment banks, as well as the calculation, reporting, and procedures for exceeding these limits, based on consolidated and non-consolidated principles.

You can access the related announcement [here](#).

Public Oversight, Accounting and Auditing Standards Authority Publishes Final Report on Oversight Activities in 2023

Audit firms and auditors regularly notify the Public Oversight, Accounting and Auditing Standards Authority of their audit contracts and audit reports, professional liability insurance policies, and other necessary information and documents within the framework of the relevant legislation.

As a result of these notifications and the oversight activities carried out by the Authority, the 2023 Period Oversight Activities Final Report was published on 24.05.2024.



In the report, necessary guidance was provided regarding which information and documents should be notified and the issues commonly encountered by the Authority.

Within the scope of the 2023 Period Oversight Activities, a total of 43,028 notifications were checked, including 23,198 audit contracts, 18,846 audit reports, 411 professional liability insurance, 162 transparency reports, and 411 income notifications, as detailed in the Report.

The full report is available [here](#).