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Regulation on the Procedures and Principles Regarding the Implementation of the Workforce Harmonization Program

- *Official Gazette dated August 29, 2024 and numbered 32647*

The Regulation sets out the principles and procedures for the execution of the Workforce Adaptation Program organized by the Turkish Employment Agency.

Its aim is to provide knowledge and skills to increase the employability of the unemployed. The implementation supports various activities carried out in areas such as the disabled, elderly, childcare, agriculture, environment and cultural activities.

Participants must be citizens of the Republic of Turkey, not benefit from unemployment insurance programs and meet certain household income requirements. Those accepted to the program have to participate in training and work programs for a set period of time.

Participants are paid pocket money and social security contributions; the contractor is responsible for organizing training and monitoring the eligibility of participants. The details and duration of the program are determined by the contract and the Directorate General.

2024 Decision on Supports for Crop Production and Some Other Agricultural Supports

- Official Gazette dated August 24, 2024 and numbered 32642



The decision published on August 24, 2024, in the Official Gazette determines the crop production supports for 2024. Farmers will be provided with various supports for crops such as barley, wheat, and paddy. For example, support of 185 TL per decare for barley and wheat and 362 TL for paddy will be provided. In addition, farmers practicing organic beekeeping and good agricultural practices will receive 50 to 270 TL per hive and 50 to 400 TL per decade. Additional support will be provided to farmers planting in water-constrained areas, and rent, transportation, and analysis support will be provided for product storage in licensed warehouses. For detailed information, please visit the relevant page of the Official Gazette.

Regulation on Transportation Documents to be issued for Forestry Commodities or Non-wood Products

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The Regulation sets out the procedures and principles regarding the issuance, use and supervision of transport documents used in transporting forest commodities and non-wood products. The Regulation covers products obtained from state forests, private forests and non-forest areas. It provides for transportation documents such as transport manifest, waybill/dispatch note, delivery note and electronic transportation document (ETB). It also includes details such as the conditions for the issuance of transport documents, authorized persons and the need to fill in the documents completely and correctly. Among the points to be considered when issuing transport documents are rules such as clearly stating the characteristics of the goods to be transported in the document, making appropriate corrections in case of errors, and loading the goods before the issuance of the transport document or ETB. In case of loss of documents, replacement procedures are detailed.

Concordat Expense Advance Tariff

- Official Gazette dated August 24, 2024 and numbered 32642

The Tariff determines the amount and payment procedures of the advance payment that must be deposited at the court cashier when filing a concordat request. The tariff is based on the fourth paragraph of Article 285 of the Enforcement and Bankruptcy Law No. 2004 and covers the advance payment, notification, announcement, expert witness, concordat commissioner fees and other judicial expenses. Depending on the number of creditors, the amount of the advance consists of items such as notification expenses, announcement costs, registered mail fees, expert and concordat commissioner fees. The unused advance shall be returned after the finalization of the judgment. The tariff is applied to concordat requests made as of 15/3/2018 and the previous tariff has been repealed.

Regulation on the Trade of Motor Land Vehicles

- Official Gazette dated August 27, 2024 and numbered 32645



This Regulation has been prepared in order to determine the procedures and principles regarding the motor vehicle trade. The Regulation covers the obligations of real or legal persons engaged in the motor vehicle trade, the rules on the issuance, renewal and cancellation of authorization certificates, the establishment and use of information systems, and the determination of payment systems for the sale of second-hand vehicles. It also regulates the principles and rules regarding motor vehicle auction, announcements and preliminary valuation processes. Sales excluded from this scope are sales between businesses, sales arising from leasing activities, sales by public institutions and certain similar sales types. The Regulation also addresses in detail the requirements for obtaining an authorization certificate, professional qualification certificates and the obligations of motor vehicle traders.

Amendment to the Communiqué on the Implementation of the Decree on State Aids in Investments

- Official Gazette dated August 24, 2024 and numbered 32642

The Communiqué introduced some amendments to the Communiqué on the Implementation of the Decree on State Aids in Investments (Communiqué No: 2012/1). Additional Insurance Premium Employer Share Support (ISPIH) was defined and this support will be applied to incentive certificates for women and youth employment. In addition, regulations have been introduced regarding changes to be made in the procurement of certain equipment used in solar and wind energy investments. The ISPIH support will be applied within 3 months following the completion of the insurance premium employer's share support period registered in the incentive certificates under certain conditions.

Amendment to the Regulation on the Qualifications of Tourism Facilities

- Official Gazette dated August 29, 2024 and numbered 32647



With this amendment, certain articles of the Regulation on the Qualifications of Tourism Facilities were revised. In Article 35/A of the Regulation, the obligation to attach sketches showing the layout has been introduced and the requirement for accommodation units to be built in areas of at least 250 square meters in a common layout has been added. In addition, new qualifications have been set for recreation areas and forest parks with accommodation without fixed structures, and only portable tent or caravan park arrangements are allowed in these areas. Area and capacity requirements have also been set for camper units.

Amendment to the Farmer Registration System Regulation

- Official Gazette dated August 29, 2024 and numbered 32647



With this regulation, various amendments were made to the Farmer Registration System (ÇKS) Regulation. New definitions have been added and the personnel who check farmers' applications and the "Planned Production Notification Form" have been defined. In addition, the processes for updating farmer records and documenting land irrigation status were regulated, and application dates and conditions were revised.

It is also stated that the Union of Chambers of Agriculture of Turkey and Chambers of Agriculture can also be authorized for CDS applications. In addition, farmers are required to be informed about declarations that are not in line with agricultural production planning and the relevant form must be issued.

Amendment to Railway Operation Authorization Regulation

- Official Gazette dated August 29, 2024 and numbered 32647



This regulation covers the amendments made to the Regulation on Authorization of Railway Operators. The wording in some articles of the Regulation has been corrected and minimum guarantee amounts for insurance policy, surety bond or letter of guarantee have been determined. It is now obligatory to update these amounts every year.

In addition, it is stated that if the insurance policy or guarantees are not renewed, the authorization certificate will be suspended. This regulation aims to ensure that operators keep their insurance and collateral obligations up to date continuously.

A provisional article gives operators the right to reorganize the minimum coverage amounts. This allows operators to adjust their existing coverage requirements according to their current situation.

Regulation on Seafarers and Pilots

- Official Gazette dated August 29, 2024 and numbered 32647



This regulation regulates the qualification, training, examination and certification processes of seafarers and pilot pilots. In the Regulation, the duties and qualification classes of seafarers are explained in detail, and the training, sea service time and other conditions required for each class are specified. For example, the qualifications and experience periods required for duties such as seaman, master seaman and master are defined.

In addition, the regulation also specifies the qualification limits and the required qualification grades according to ship types. These regulations comprehensively address the qualifications required for different ship types and tasks.

Overall, this regulation aims to increase professionalism and safety in the maritime sector by regulating the professional development and training of seafarers and pilot masters within a legal framework.