

Fisheries Law and Regulations

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Feed

- Restrictions on the use of feed is regulated by Law No. 5996 on veterinary services, plant health, food and feed, Regulation on Feed Hygiene, Feed Regulation. The Ministry (MoFAL) is the competent authority. According to Law No. 5996 the Ministry prohibits the presentation to the market and usage of feed when it is considered unsafe. The Law encloses matters such as, production, processing and distribution of feed and the Regulation encloses the following topics concerning feed:

- Definitions, classifications, norm and standards.
- Declaration, registry, license and control.
- Laboratory inspection and analyses.
- Methods for laboratory analysis.
- Minimum technical and health conditions of processing plants.
- Provisions for stores and sales points.
- Production permits or licenses, sale prices, import and export.

However, neither the Law nor the Regulation mentions aquafeeds.

Food safety

- In general, Law No. 5996 on veterinary services, plant health, food and feed, covering the production, processing, and distribution of foodstuffs, is the main law addressing food safety. Under the Law, trade in or distribution of unsafe foodstuffs, i.e. foodstuffs that can be considered harmful to human health or unsuitable for consumption, is prohibited. The Regulation on Turkish Food Codex covers quality and hygienic issues of foodstuff, additives, aromatic substances, pesticides and veterinary drug residues, foodstuff contaminants, package and labelling, storage and transport rules, sampling and methods for analysis. The Regulation Concerning Food Safety and Checking and Control of Food Quality covers rules and procedures of production, processing and distribution phases of food, and substances and materials contacting foodstuff, provisions on the minimum technical and hygienic requirements, checking, controlling and monitoring of food.



- Fisheries Regulation No. 22223 is the main legislation regulating food safety in fisheries and aquaculture. Chapter IX (Articles 25-32) provides “Technical and Hygienic Conditions of Fishery Products Processing Establishment and Characteristics of the Fishery Products that will be Consumed and Processed,” including operating licences for the establishment, general hygiene conditions of the facilities, technical requirements related to the processing of fresh marine products, technical requirements related to frozen fishery products, technical requirements related to processed seafood products, characteristics of the seafood that are to be processed and consumed, the characteristics of food goods and industrial products, packaging, labelling and transportation.

- Another important legislation is the Regulation on Wholesale and Retail Sale Places of Fishery Products. This Regulation addresses control and inspection procedures and principles in relation to minimum general, technical, hygienic, physical and infrastructure conditions to be conformed in the wholesale fish markets that are established by the municipalities and/or real and juristic persons. This Regulation also addresses working conditions in wholesale fish markets and the operation, management and sale of the fish and fishery products. Principles and rules are laid out for the following:

- wholesale fish and fishery products, establishment and operational permits (HACCP required) for wholesale fish markets.
- infrastructure, physical, technical and hygienic conditions of the wholesale fish market, such as necessary units to be situated in the wholesale fish market and their properties.
- minimum physical and infrastructure conditions.
minimum technical and hygiene conditions.
- conditions related to place assignment in the wholesale fish market.

- conditions concerning the movement of the products within the wholesale fish market, such as product entrance, wholesale operations, trade operations, exit and transfer of products.
- establishment and working permissions of wholesale fish market centers and product sale, characteristics of establishment places, necessary units and their properties, minimum physical and infrastructure conditions, minimum technical and hygienic conditions, place assignment, product entrance, and sale and exit.
- retail markets, retail sale, technical and hygienic conditions of retail sale stores.
- sale of fish and fishery products in mobile places, taxes, guarantees and fees, control and inspection performed by MoFAL staff.

Aquaculture investment

- Aquaculture investment does not receive direct financial support from the public funds. However, since the 2005 Decision on Supporting Animal Husbandry No. 2005/8503, and the Notification No. 2011/26 on supporting livestock government provides supports for agriculture, livestock and fisheries. Articles 13 and 14 of the Notification No. 2011/31 regulate the support policies in 2011 period for aquaculture and the rules and procedures of application for demand of support.