



**SCREENING CHAPTER 01
FREE MOVEMENT OF GOODS**

AGENDA ITEM: FERTILISERS

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RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY

Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA)

NATIONAL LEGISLATION - I

- There are two Regulations which came into force on 27 October 2002 and repealed the corresponding mandatory national standards.

- The “Regulation on Chemical Fertilisers Used in Agriculture” transposing,
 - ✓ 76/116/EC- Primary fertilisers,
 - ✓ 80/876/EC-Ammonium nitrate fertilisers of high nitrogen content,
 - ✓ 88/183/EC- 76/116/EC amendment on fluid fertilisers,
 - ✓ 89/284/EC- 76/116/EC amendment on Ca, Mg, Na ve S content of fertilisers,
 - ✓ 89/530/EC-76/116/EC amendment on trace elements in fertilisers

was published in the OG dated 27 March 2002.

This Regulation was amended on 7 November 2002 in accordance with the 98/003/EC and 96/028/EC (76/116/EC amendments).



NATIONAL LEGISLATION - II

2. The “Regulation on Chemical Fertiliser Inspection” transposing,

- ✓ 77/535/EC Sampling and analysis methods,
- ✓ 79/138/EC 77/535/EC amendment,
- ✓ 87/566/EC amendment,
- ✓ 87/094/EC Characteristics of ammonium nitrate fertilisers of high nitrogen content, their limitations, and their resistance to detonation

was published in the OG dated 25 April 2002.

This Regulation was amended on 26 October 2002 in accordance with the 89/519/EC on analysis methods of secondary elements and 98/1/EC on analysis methods of micro elements.



NATIONAL LEGISLATION - III

After the publication of the Regulation 2003/2003/EC, the Regulation on Chemical Fertilisers Used in Agriculture was amended on 18 March 2004 and put into force on 15 April 2004.



MARKET SURVEILLANCE - I

Market surveillance is carried out pursuant to the provisions of;

- Law No. 4703 on the Preparation and Implementation of Technical Legislation on Products (Published in the OG No. 24459, dated 11 July 2001),
- Regulation No. 2001/3529 On Market Surveillance Of Products (Published in the OG No. 24643 Dated 17 January 2002),
- The Chemical Fertiliser Inspection Regulation and Circulars based on this Regulation.



MARKET SURVEILLANCE - II

- Market surveillance is carried out for the chemical fertilisers placed on the market by paying regular visits to the industrial, commercial and storage premises.
- The market surveillance activities are performed by 250 inspectors trained on chemical fertilisers, who work in 81 Provincial Directorates of MARA.



MARKET SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

2003:

5,061 premises were inspected in the scope of labeling, documentary and physical checks. During these inspections, 1,949 samples were taken and 160 of them were found non-compliant.

2004:

5,439 premises were inspected in the scope of labeling, documentary and physical checks. During these inspections, 1,041 samples were taken and 127 of them were found non-compliant.

2005:

4,039 premises were inspected in the scope of labeling, documentary and physical checks. During these inspections, 634 samples were taken and 51 of them were found non-compliant.



REFERENCE AND ANALYSIS LABORATORIES

In accordance with Article 15 and 16 of the Chemical Fertiliser Inspection Regulation, the reference and analysis laboratories which will be used during market inspections of fertilisers with “EC FERTILISER” indication should have sufficient equipment and personnel for implementing analysis methods referred to in the Annexes of the Regulation.

The names of these laboratories are published in the OG at the beginning of each year.

The laboratories were communicated to the European Commission in August 2005.



PROJECTS

The Project on “Market Surveillance Support on Fertilisers (MARA Fertilisers Project-TR/2004/IB/EC/05)” as the fifth component of Twinning Project on “Strengthening the Capacity of Turkish Ministries for Market Surveillance in Selected Areas (Project No: TR 0402.02)” is effective.



PARTICIPATION IN COMMITTEES AND EXPERTS GROUP

The European Commission accepted Turkey's participation in "Committees for the adaptation to technical progress of Directives on the removal of the technical barriers to trade in the sector of fertilisers" as an observer.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION