



**SCREENING CHAPTER 01
FREE MOVEMENT OF GOODS**

AGENDA ITEM: Personal Protective Equipment

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LEGAL BASIS - I

RELATED EU LEGISLATION:

- Council Directive of 21 December 1989 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to personal protective equipment (PPE) (89/686/EEC) (A new approach directive)

Amended by:

- **M1** Council Directive 93/68/EEC of 22 July 1993
- **M2** Council Directive 93/95/EEC of 29 October 1993
- **M3** Directive 96/58/EC of the European Parliament and the Council of 3 September 1996
- **M4** Regulation (EC) No 1882/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 September 2003



LEGAL BASIS - II

TRANSPOSING REGULATION:

- **Regulation on Personal Protective Equipment** (published in the OG No. 25368 , dated 9 February 2004 - in force since 9 February 2005)
- **Communiqué on the Categorization Guide of PPE** (published in the OG No. 25452, dated 4 May 2004 - in force since 9 February 2005).

The process of exchange of opinion is continuing on the Regulation on PPE between Turkey and the European Commission.



RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY

- The main responsible authority for the adoption and implementation of the Community acquis in the field of PPE is the Ministry of Labour and Social Security (MoLSS).
- Due to its mandate and responsibilities, the MoLSS is the key actor from the point of view of market surveillance of PPE.



NOTIFIED BODIES

- The Communiqué on the Criteria of Selection of Notified Bodies was published in the OG No. 25684, dated 28 December 2004 and entered into force on 9 February 2005.

The CABs notified to the European Commission:

- ✓ Turkish Standardisation Institute – Ankara (all PPE – except Respiratory Protective Equipment)
- ✓ Turkish Lloyd Foundation – Istanbul (all PPE)



RELATED STANDARDS

- 237 EU standards on PPE were harmonised and their reference numbers were published by the following legislation:
 - ✓ Communiqué on the 1st List of Harmonised National Standards was published in the OG No. 25452, dated 4 May 2004 and entered into force on 9 February 2005.
 - ✓ Communiqué on the 2nd List of Harmonised National Standards was published in the OG No. 25698, dated 12 January 2005 and entered into force on 9 February 2005.



MARKET SURVEILLANCE - I

Market surveillance is carried out pursuant to the provisions of;

- ✓ **The Law No. 4703 on the Preparation and Implementation of the Technical Legislation on Products** (Published in the OG No. 24459, dated 11.7.2001),
- ✓ **Regulation No. 2001/3529 on the Market Surveillance of Products** (published in OG No. 24643, dated 17.1.2002),
- ✓ **Regulation on Personal Protective Equipment** (OG No. 25368, dated 9.2.2004),
- ✓ **Regulation on the Market Surveillance and Inspection for the Ministry of Labour and Social Security** (published in the OG No. 25684, dated 28 December 2004 and entered into force on 9 February 2005).



MARKET SURVEILLANCE - II

Market Surveillance and Inspection Department, with 10 personnel, has been established inside the Directorate General for Occupational Health and Safety (DGOHS), which is the directly responsible unit of the Ministry for the adoption and implementation of the Community acquis in the field PPE. At present the department carries out market surveillance.



MARKET SURVEILLANCE - III

For the time being, market surveillance activities are carried out by using the following sources:

- ✓ Findings obtained from accident investigations
- ✓ Feedbacks occurred from inspections
- ✓ Consumer complaints
- ✓ Denounces
- ✓ Risky products reported by the RAPEX system



ONGOING ACTIVITIES

- The Ministry is working on the following items for an effective implementation of the Regulation on PPE:
 - ✓ A fully developed strategy
 - ✓ Training for the personnel
 - ✓ Defining testing needs and testing services
 - ✓ Raising awareness of stakeholders about their responsibilities



PROJECTS FINANCED UNDER THE PRE-ACCESSION FUNDS – I

1. The ISGUM Project (8.16 million €)

The ISGUM project aims at strengthening the infrastructure of laboratories of the ISGUM. Within this framework, necessary equipment for these laboratories to carry out tests on the Ministry's own initiative is necessary. Furthermore, practical and theoretical training of laboratory staff is one of the basic requirements.



PROJECTS FINANCED UNDER THE PRE-ACCESSION FUNDS- II

2. Strengthening the Capacity of Turkish Ministries for Market Surveillance in Selected Areas (1 million €)

- Project purpose: Strengthening the capacity of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security (MoLSS) for market surveillance of PPE
- This project could be complementary to ISGUM Project and strengthen the infrastructure for the necessary testing and inspection activities
- It was launched on 26 December 2005.
- Member State Institution: HAUS LTD of Finland and Finnish Institute of Occupational Health



PARTICIPATION IN STANDING COMMITTEE AND EXPERTS' GROUP

- Experts' Group on PPE: Two personnel from the DG of Occupational Safety and Health under the MoLSS attended the meetings.
- There are three personnel to be designated to represent Turkey in the meetings of the standing committee and experts' group established under the Directive on PPE.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION