



**SCREENING CHAPTER 12:  
FOOD SAFETY, VETERINARY AND PHYTOSANITARY POLICIES**

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BIOSAFETY**

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# I. INTRODUCTION



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## Current status of GMOs and Novel Foods

- Production and imports of GM products are not permitted/authorized in the country .
- There is no legislation on specific controls of products containing GMO. No permission is given in case existance of GMO is declared in the product.





## No national legislation aligned with EU legislation

- EU Regulation No 258/97 on Novel Foods,
- EU Regulation No 1829/2003 on GM Food and Feed
- EU Regulation No 1830/200 on The Traceability and Labelling Of GMOs and The Traceability of Food and Feed Products Produced from GMOs
- Directive 2001/18/EC on Deliberate Release into the Environment of GMOs
- Directive 98/81/EC on Contained Use of GMOs
- EU Regulation No 1946/2003 on Transboundary Movement of GMOs



## Authority receiving applications

- GDPC is the competent authority.
- Since there are no approval procedures, applications are not processed



## Assessment capacity

- There are no procedures and authorized institution for assessment of GMO and novel foods.
- GDAR and its institutes carry out field trials on crop production.





## Controls

- Specific controls and inspections of GMO and Novel food have not started yet.
- GDPC is the competent authority.
- In the case of control has started, documentary checks (approval lists, ingredient lists, and certificate) and controls on labeling, sampling and qualitative and quantitative analysis will be carried out.



## Laboratories

- Ankara Provincial Control Laboratory (Food and Feed)
- Bursa Food Control and Central Research Institute (Food and Feed)
- Ankara Central Research Institute (Field Crops)
- Antalya West Mediterranean Agricultural Research Institute (Horticultural Crops)



## Laboratories

- The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (Crops)
- Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology Research Institute (Crops)
- Hacettepe University Biology Department (Allergenicity and Toxicity)
- Middle East Technical University (METU) Biology Department (Crops )
- METU Food Engineering Department (Crops)
- METU Central Biotechnology Laboratories (Crops)



## II. LEGAL BASIS



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- UN Cartagena Biosafety Protocol is ratified by TGNA
- Circular on Instructions on the Field Trails of Transgenic Crops (TGD/TOH-032, 14.05.1998)
- Technical study on National Biosafety Law





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