



SCREENING CHAPTER 12
FOOD SAFETY, VETERINARY AND PHYTOSANITARY POLICIES

**AGENDA ITEM 1: INTRODUCTION TO FOOD SAFETY,
VETERINARY AND PHYTOSANITARY POLICIES
AND EU HARMONISATION**

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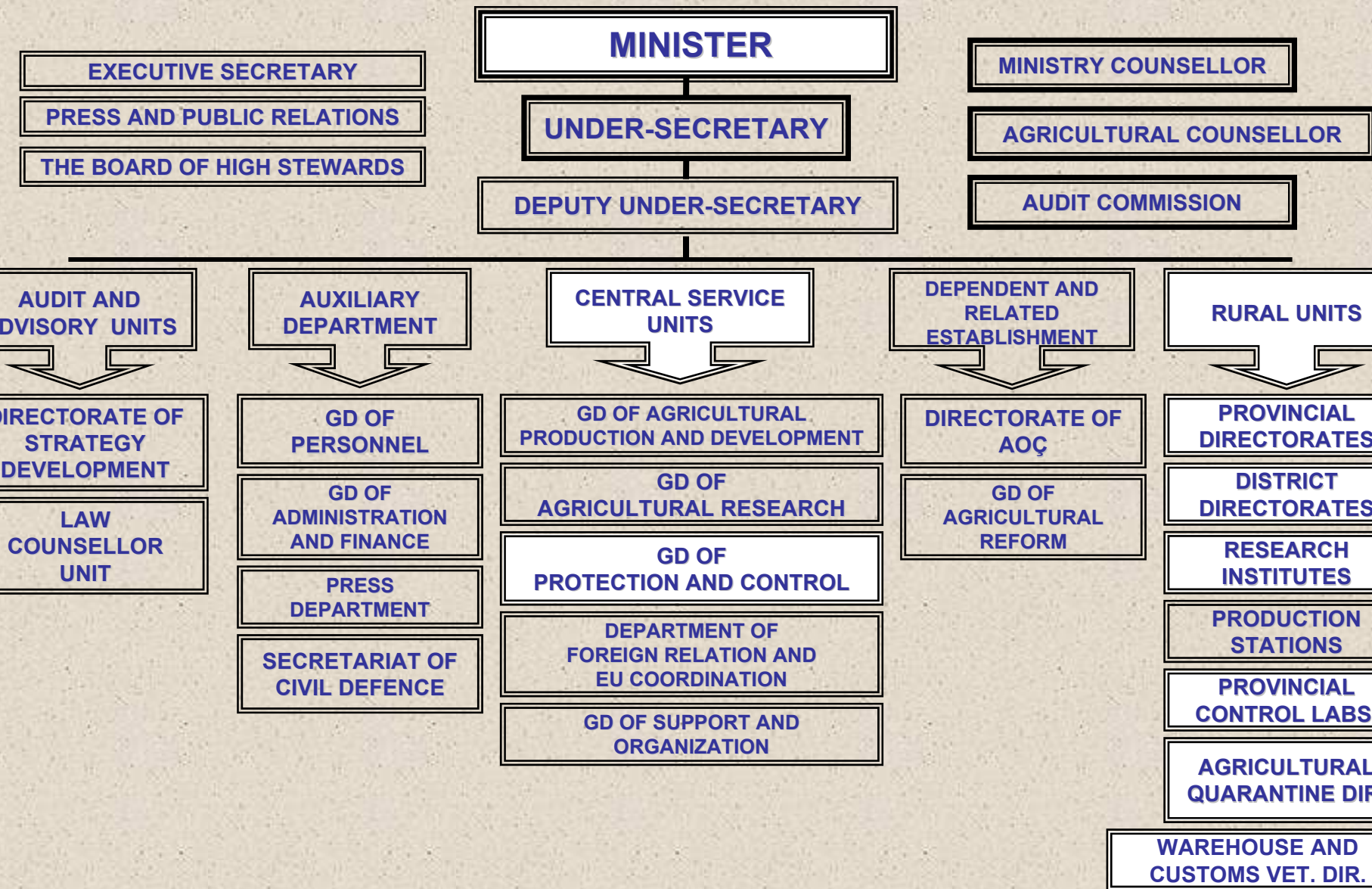
I. COMPETENCIES WITH REGARD TO FOOD SAFETY, VETERINARY AND PHYTOSANITARY



COMPETENT AUTHORITY

- **The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs is the competent authority with regard to food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary**
- **There are 5 General Directorates found under The Ministry.**
- **General Directorate of Protection and Control is the competent authority in charge of controlling and regulating sectors covered by chapter 12.**
- **General Directorate of Protection and Control is the contact point for International institutions and agencies**

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FOREIGN RELATIONS SEC.

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ENVIRONMENT AND AGR. RELATIONS
DISASTER AND PROTECTION OF FARMERS

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PLANT PROTECTION SERVICES DEPT.

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VETERINARY LABS. SEC.
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FOOD CODEX SEC.
FOOD TRADE AND CONTROL SEC
DOMESTIC FOOD CONTROL AND NUTRITION SEC.

VETERINARY MEDICINES SEC.
PLANT PROTECTION SEC.
MEDICINE AND EQUIPMENT CONTROL

MEDICINE AND EQUIPMENT SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL SERVICES DIVS.



➤ Legal Framework (Primary Legislation):

- Decree Law no. 441 on Organisation and Duties of MARA (O.G. 09.07.1991, No. 20955)
- Food Law no.5179 (O.G. 05.06.2004, No.25483)
- Animal Health Control Law no. 3285 (O.G. 08.05.1986, No.19109)
- Animal Breeding Law no. 4631 (O.G. 28.02.2001, No. 24338)
- Feed Law no.1734 (O.G. 07.07.1973, No. 14557)
- Fisheries Law no. 1380 (O.G. 22.03.1971, No.13799)
- Law of 308 on Registration Control and Certification of Seeds
(O.G. 29.08.1963, No.11493)
- Law on Protection of Breeder's Rights of New Plant Varieties no. 5042
(O.G. 08.01.2004, No. 25347)
- Plant Protection and Quarantine Law no. 6968 (O.G. 08.05.1986, No. 9615)



OTHER MINISTRIES AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED AND THEIR AREA OF COMPETENCIES

➤ **Ministry of Interior (via Municipalities and Special Provincial Administrations)**

Issuing working licence and registration of food establishments in accordance with Law no. 5302, Law no. 5393 and Law no. 5197

➤ **Ministry of Health (General Directorate of Primary Health Services)**

The principles concerning water and foods intended for special medical purposes are specified by the Ministry of Health.

Ministry of Health has the right of intervention in cases of emergency concerning public health in accordance with Law no.5179.



OTHER MINISTRIES AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED AND THEIR AREA OF COMPETENCIES

➤ **Organized Industrial Areas**

For food establishments within organized industrial areas, working licenses are issued by the administration of these organized industrial areas in accordance with Law no. 4562

➤ **Ministry of Environment and Forestry**

Animal protection Law no. 5199 gives responsibility and competence to the Ministry of Environment and Forestry.

➤ **Undersecretariat of Foreign Trade**

UFT carries out export controls in accordance with the National Standards of Turkish Standard Institute in order to protect and improve the image of Turkish goods in accordance with Law no. 4059



- **Legislation related to Other Ministries and Public Institutions;**
- **Law no. 5216 on Metropolitan Municipalities**
 - **Law no. 5393 on Municipalities**
 - **Law no. 5197 on Special Provincial Administration**
 - **Law No. 4562 on Organized Industrial Areas**
 - **Law no. 5199 on Animal Protection**
 - **Law no.1593 on General Hygiene**
 - **Law no. 4077 on Consumer Protection and Competition**
 - **Law no. 4703 on Preparation and Implementation of the Technical Legislation of the Products**
 - **Law no. 4458 on Customs**
 - **Law no.2872 on Environment**



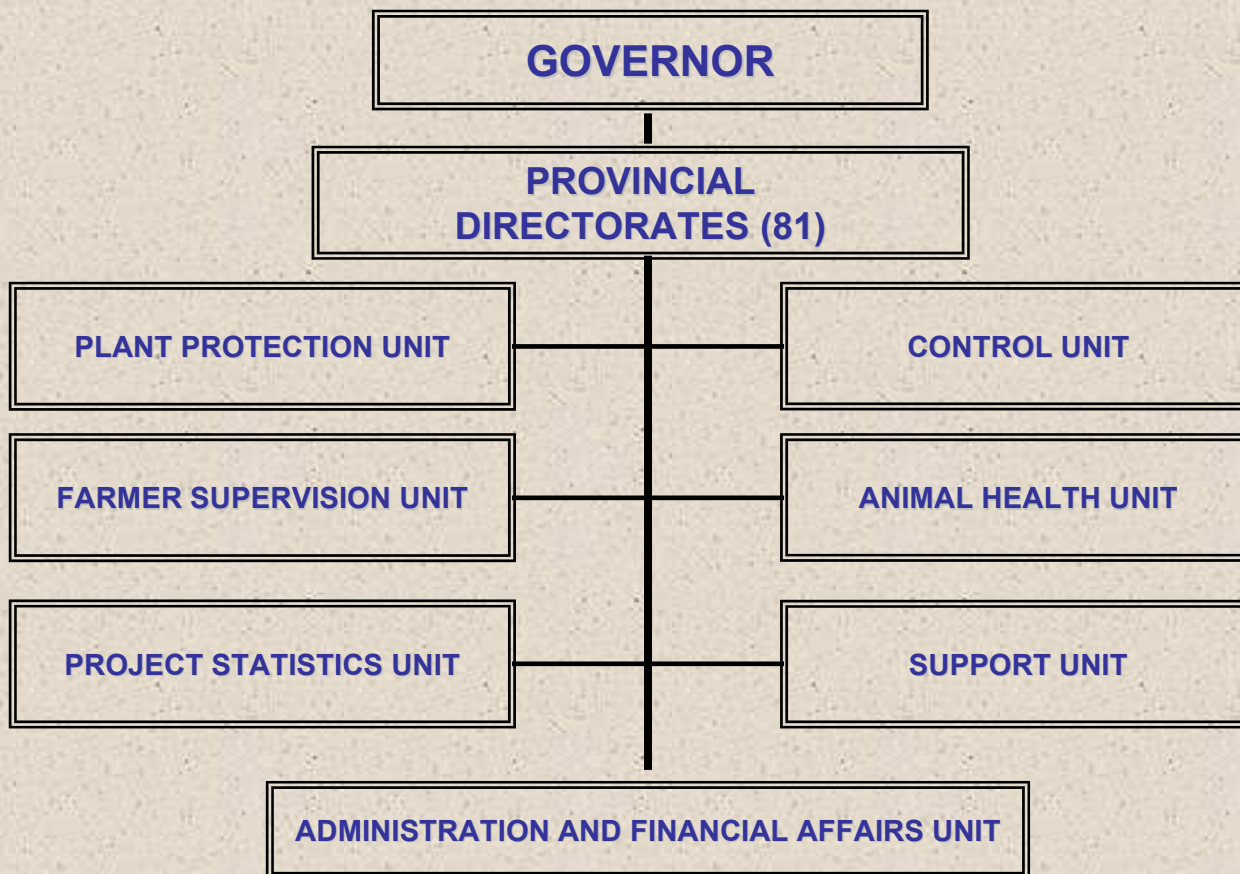
As regards the control system;

- **GDPC is in charge of Food Safety, Veterinary and Phytosanitary areas through;**
 - **81 Province Agricultural Directorates**
 - **803 District Directorates**
 - **39 Provincial Control Laboratories**
 - **8 Veterinary Control and Research Institutes**
 - **1 Food Control and Central Research Institute**
 - **4 Research Institute on Plant Protection**

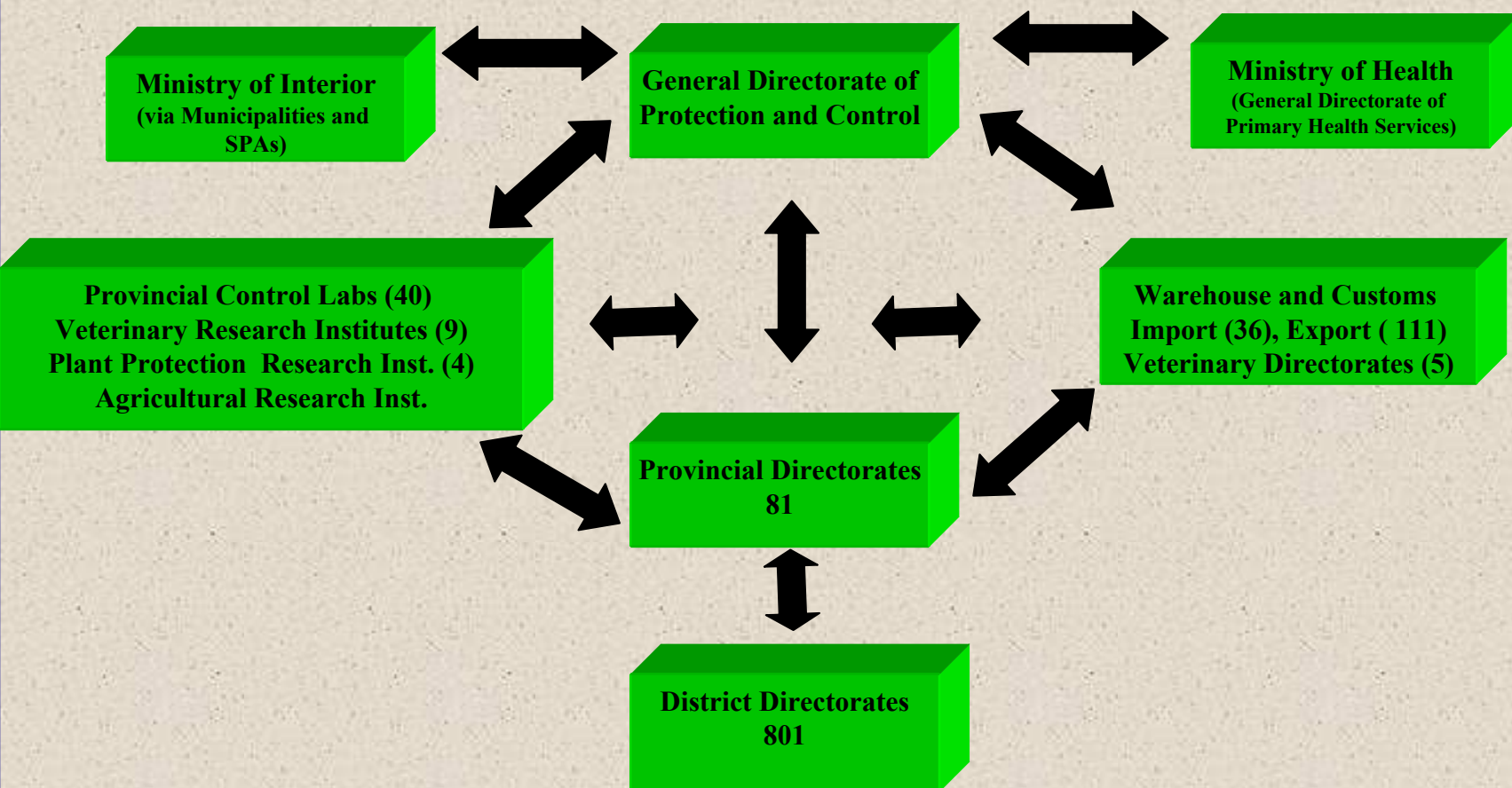
- **MARA's Provincial Agricultural Directorates in 81 Provinces are responsible for food control/inspection, veterinary and phytosanitary checks.**



ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF PROVINCIAL DIRECTORATES



COMMUNICATION OF GDPC RELATED WITH FOOD CONTROL, VETERINARY AND PHYTOSANITARY CHECKS





II. MAIN TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF GDPC



Main Tasks and Responsibilities

- **Adoption of EU legislation on food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary**
- **Protection of animal health, control and eradication of diseases**
- **Approval and control of clinics, policlinics and animal hospitals**
- **Set up and implement animal registration system**
- **Sustain and protect the resources on fisheries**
- **Animal movement controls and quarantine measures**
- **Protection of plant health, quarantine measures**



Main Tasks and Responsibilities

- Development of environmental friendly and alternative plant protection techniques,
- Encouraging the use of early warning system on plant protection,
- Licensing machine and equipments for plant protection,
- Registration and production permission of plant protection products and Veterinary Drugs,
- Registration, approval and control of food establishments,
- Risk based controls and inspections,
- Export and import controls,
- Establishing laboratories, authorization of private control laboratories.



Delegation of specific tasks

- **Delegation of certain tasks is possible on veterinary sector;**
 - Private veterinarians can carry out vaccination to pets and follow up their health controls.
 - Private veterinarians can participate in the vaccination programmes prepared by MARA
 - Private veterinarians can work at slaughterhouses

- **Ministry can delegate certain tasks to the appointed organizations on quality, risk analysis, certification and other subjects deemed appropriate by the Ministry (Article 24, Food law no.5179).**



Delegation of specific tasks

- Private control laboratories are appointed by the Ministry for the analysis of samples taken during export and import controls of foodstuffs in accordance with Law no. 5179.
- Control and Certification bodies are authorized for organic farming in accordance with Law no. 5262 on Organic Farming.
- Authorization is granted to private organizations for marking wooden packaging materials.



III. LABORATORIES



➤ Veterinary Control and Research Institutes

- Animal Health Services Department of GDPC is responsible to appoint and control veterinary laboratories.

- Laboratories;
 - 8 Veterinary Control and Research Institutes (regional labs.for animal diseases)
 - Ankara National FMD Institute

- Reference Laboratories;
 - Ankara National FMD Institute
 - Etlik Central Veterinary Control and Research Institute
 - Pendik Veterinary Control and Research Institute
 - Bornova Veterinary Control and Research Institute
 - Konya Veterinary Control and Research Institute



➤ Provincial Control Laboratories

- Public Health Services Department of GDPC is responsible to coordinate Provincial Control Laboratory Directorates and to appoint and control private laboratories.
- Laboratories that carry out official controls of food and feed;
 - 39 Provincial Control Laboratories
 - Bursa Food Control and Central Research Institute
 - 25 Private Control Laboratories only for food analysis (appointed by the Ministry)
- Reference Laboratories;
 - Ankara Provincial Control Laboratory
 - İzmir Provincial Control Laboratory
 - Bursa Food Control and Central Research Institute



➤ Plant Health Laboratories

– Plant Health Laboratories;

– 4 Plant Protection Research Institutes

– 7 Agricultural Quarantine Laboratories

– 5 Seed Certification Central Directorate

– 1 Seed Registration and Certification Central Directorate of Ankara

– Plant Protection Research Institutes also dealing with quarantine controls and monitoring programmes

–Reference Laboratories;

–Ankara Seed Registration and Certification Central Directorate for the plant health analysis.



➤ Accreditation of Laboratories

Laboratories are accredited in accordance with EN ISO/IEC 17025 on 'General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories'

– Animal Health and food analysis;

Etlik Central Veterinary Control and Research Institute for 21 test methods

– Food and feed analysis;

Istanbul Provincial Control Laboratory

İzmir Provincial Control Laboratory

Ankara Provincial Control Laboratory

Mersin Provincial Control Laboratory

Samsun Provincial Control Laboratory

Bursa Food Control and Central Research Institute

– Private Laboratories on food analysis;

Aydın Exchange of Commerce Private Food Control Laboratory

Environmental Industrial Analysis Private Food Control Laboratory



➤ Other Governmental and University Laboratories (1)

– **Ministry of Health;**

Department of Refik Saydam Hygiene Center

- 15 regional directorates

General Directorate of Primary Health Services

- Public Health Laboratories (68 provinces, 10 districts)

– **Undersecretariat for Foreign Trade;**

- 4 Laboratory Directorates in İzmir, Mersin, Trabzon, Malatya

– **Turkish Standards Institute;**

- 5 Laboratory Directorates in Ankara- Merkez, İzmir, Kayseri, Denizli and Çorum

– **TUBİTAK Marmara Research Center;**

- Research Centers in Ankara and Bursa



➤ Other Governmental and University Laboratories (2)

– Municipalities;

- 10 laboratory directorates in İstanbul, Ankara, Bursa, Giresun, Kocaeli, Manisa and Antalya provinces (7 provinces)

– University Laboratories;

- Faculties of Veterinary and Agriculture



IV. EU HARMONISATION



- **Transposition of the EU legislation into national legislation on Chapter 12 is one of the main priorities listed in the National Programme.**
- **Objective is to implement the adopted legislation and comply with the requirements.**
- **In order to achieve these purposes, several projects have been implemented by GDPC since 2002. These are namely;**
 - **Support for the alignment of Turkey with the EU Veterinary *acquis* (TR 0203.05)**
 - **Support of Turkey's alignment to the EC *acquis* in the phytosanitary sector (TR 0203.06)**
 - **Fisheries Sector-legal and Institutional Alignment to the EU *acquis* (TR 0303.02)**
 - **Restructuring and Strengthening of the Food Safety and Control System in Turkey (TR04.03.03)**
 - **National Food Reference Laboratory will be set up through the Food Safety project.**



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