



SCREENING CHAPTER 13 FISHERIES

AGENDA ITEM 6: MARKET POLICY

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I. LEGAL BASIS



- **Law no. 1380 on Fisheries (1971);**
 - ✓ Implementation Regulation on Fisheries,
 - ✓ Implementing Regulation on Wholesale and Retail Fish Markets,
 - ✓ Circular for Regulating Commercial Fishing,
- **Law no. 5200 on Agricultural Producer Unions(2004);**
 - ✓ Implementing Regulation on the Establishment Procedures and Principles of Agricultural Producer Associations
 - ✓ Implementing Regulation on Inspections of Agricultural Producer Unions and Central Union of Agricultural Producers,
- **Law no. 1163 on Cooperatives (1969);**
 - ✓ Main Status of Fisheries Cooperative



II. MARKETING STANDARDS

➤ **Freshness criteria are set in the “Implementing Regulation on Fisheries”**

These criteria;

- ✓ Compatible, to a great extent, with EC Regulation no. 2406/96;
- ✓ used to control the eligibility of products for human consumption.



➤ **Size categories do not exist in national legislation,**

For stock conservation purposes, Minimum landing size and weight standards are laid down in the “Circular no. 36/1 Regulating Commercial Fishing in Seas and Inland Waters”



III. CONSUMER INFORMATION



➤ **Implementing Regulation on Fisheries;**

imposes an obligation on labelling of packaged fishery products to be placed on the market



According to the Implementing Regulation on Wholesale and Retail Fish Markets;

- A document is issued when products enter and leave the wholesale market .
 - ✓ The information on this document corresponds to labeling information referred to in EU Regulation no.2065/2001.



According to the Implementing Regulation on Wholesale and Retail Fish Markets;

- In retail markets it is obligatory to put a label on products,
 - ✓ Name and price of the product



Inspections are carried out by

- MARA Inspectors and
- Authorized staff of municipalities



IV. PRODUCER ORGANIZATIONS



Producer Organizations do exist;

But their legal status and organization types partly comply with the provisions of the EU legislation.



- **Law no. 5200 on Agricultural Producers Union (APU)**
 - ✓ Implementing Regulation on the Establishment Procedures and Principles of APUs
 - ✓ Implementing Regulation on Inspections of APUs and Central Union of Agricultural Producers

- **Law no. 1163 on Cooperatives**
 - ✓ Fisheries Cooperative Main Status



Law no. 5200 on Agricultural Producer Unions

Producer Union should have;

- minimum 16 producers
- minimum production capacity based on product and product group

In fishing

- ✓ Marine products : 1,600 t/year
- ✓ Inland fisheries : 400 t/year

In aquaculture

- ✓ Marine products : 300 t/year
- ✓ Inland fisheries : 80 t/year



Law no. 1163 on Cooperatives

Fisheries Cooperative is established with a main status signed by at least 7 partners of the cooperative.



Purposes

Law no. 5200

- ✓ Production planning
- ✓ To dispatch products in compliance with market requirements
- ✓ To provide services in order to improve product quality

Law no. 1163

- ✓ To provide services to the partners and install facilities when necessary



Activities

Law no. 5200	Law no. 1163
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Market surveys for products✓ Searching new markets✓ Regulating the supply of products✓ Providing technical assistance on<ul style="list-style-type: none">• methods• harvesting• storage• packaging	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Organizing and managing activities related to fisheries✓ Classification of fishery products✓ Arrangement of proper delivery of products for market needs



Current Organization in Fisheries Sector

Agricultural Producer Unions established according to the Law no. 5200

Organization Structure	Min. No of Members/unions	Total No of APU	No of fisheries unions
APU	16 producers	155	5
Central Union	7 APUs	1	-

Cooperatives established according to the Law no. 1163

Organization Structure	Min. No of members/unions	Total No of Coop.	No of fisheries unions
Cooperative	7 partners	9657	482
Regional Union	7 cooperatives	100	12
Central Union	7 regional union	7	1
National Union of Cooperatives of Turkey*	All cooperatives	1	-

* There are fisheries cooperatives in the National Union of Cooperatives as well

Source: MARA



V. INTERBRANCH ORGANIZATION AND INTERVENTION SYSTEM



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- ✓ **No interbranch organization**
- ✓ **No Intervention system**



VI. TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES



Legal Framework

- National Legislation
- International Arrangements

A- National Legislation

- ✓ Law on Customs Tariff Code (No: 474)
- ✓ Law on Regulating Foreign Trade (No: 2976)
- ✓ Import Regime Decree (No: 95/7606)
- ✓ Export Regime Decree (No:95/7623)



B- International Arrangements

- ✓ EU-TURKEY Association Council Decision 1/98
- ✓ Free Trade Agreements



EU-Turkey Trade on Fisheries

EU–Turkey Association Council Decision 1/98

- ✓ Importation into the Community of fishery products originating in Turkey is exempted from Ad Valorem duties (Protocol I Article 2.1)

Turkish Import Regime Decree 95/7606

Two types of customs duties applicable for importation into Turkey of fishery products;

- ✓ Ad Valorem Duty
- ✓ Mass Housing Fund



Free Trade Agreements-I

Free trade agreements consisting of mutual concessions for certain fisheries;

- ✓ EFTA
- ✓ Bulgaria
- ✓ Croatia
- ✓ Tunisia
- ✓ Bosnia and Herzegovina



Free Trade Agreements-II

- Within the framework of these agreements;
 - ✓ Tariff preferences reflected to Turkish Import Regime Decree (No: 95/7606)
 - ✓ Concessional tariff quotas are allocated each year
 - ✓ Import licences required under tariff quotas resulting from bilateral agreements



VII. ALIGNMENT TO EU ACQUIS



**For alignment with EC Regulation no. 104/2000,
2406/96 and 2065/2001;**

- Preliminary Draft Amending the Fisheries Law has been drawn up
- Technical studies on CMO are underway



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