



SCREENING CHAPTER 14 TRANSPORT POLICY

AGENDA ITEM III: INLAND WATERWAYS

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Overview

Inland waterways transport in Turkey

- Navigable inland waterways are very limited.
- Small volume of inland waterways transport is carried out only on the Van Lake and in lakes of some dams.
- There is no serious transport in Turkish rivers due to unsuitable physical conditions of rivers.
- Consequently, Turkish fleet engaged in maritime transport in Turkish inland waterways is very limited.



Overview

Inland waterways transport in other rivers

- Turkish flagged ships are engaged in inland maritime transport in other rivers such as Danube and Volga. Turkish river fleet is expected to be developed.
- Participation process of Turkey to Danube Commission is going on.



Legislation

- By-Law on Vessels Navigating in Inland Waterways
(Official Gazette: 09 May 1975, no 15231),
- By-Law on Van Lake
(Official Gazette: 31 January 1977, no 15836),
- Other relevant national and international legislation



Legislation (CONT'D)

By-Law on Vessels Navigating in Inland Waterways (Official Gazette: 09 May 1975, no 15231)

- All vessels operated in inland waterways other than Van Lake must comply with provisions of the By-Law
- All vessels shall have inspection certificate which is given by the municipality to which the vessel is bound
- Inspection of vessels and technical specifications have been regulated in the By-Law



Legislation (CONT'D)

- All vessels shall be registered in the Registry of Lake and River Vessels which has been organised by the Regional Directorate of Istanbul.
- To conduct a vessel, a competency certificate shall be taken from the Regional Directorate of Istanbul.
- Examinations and other procedures for personnel have been regulated by the By-Law.



Legislation (CONT'D)

By-Law on Van Lake

(Official Gazette: 31 January 1977, no 15836)

- To ensure safety of life and properties and to regulate maritime traffic in Van Lake.

All vessels must comply with the provisions of By-law.

Measurement of tonnage, marking of loadlines, determination of number of passenger and inspection of vessels are carried out by the Regional Directorate of Istanbul.



Legislation (CONT'D)

- Detailed rules on registration of seafarers, duties of municipalities, technical conditions of vessels, competencies of seafarers and safe manning are regulated in the By-Law.
- Provisions of Technical Regulation shall be applicable for other issues which have not been regulated in the By-Law.