



**SCREENING CHAPTER 28
CONSUMER AND HEALTH PROTECTION**

AGENDA ITEM I: PUBLIC HEALTH

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LEGAL BASIS

- **Constitution of the Republic of Turkey (Article 56)**
- **Law No: 1593 on General Hygiene (24 April 1930)**
- **Law No: 3017 on the Organisation of the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (9 June 1936)**



LEGAL BASIS

- **Law No:3959 on the Establishment of Refik Saydam National Hygiene Center (30 December 1940)**
- **Law No:3359, Basic Law on the Healthcare Services (15 May 1987)**
- **Decree Law No: 181 on the Organisation and Duties of the Ministry of Health (13 December 1983)**



CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY (ARTICLE 56)

- **Everyone has the right to live in a healthy, balanced environment.**
- **It is the duty of the state and citizens to improve the natural environment and to prevent environmental pollution.**
- **To ensure that everyone leads their lives in conditions of physical and mental health and to secure cooperation in terms of human and material resources through economy and increased productivity, the state shall regulate central planning and functioning of the health services.**



CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY (ARTICLE 56)

- The State shall fulfil this task by utilizing and supervising the health and social assistance institutions in public and private sectors.**
- In order to establish widespread health services, general health insurance may be introduced by law.**



LAW ON GENERAL HYGIENE

- **The aim of the Law is to regulate the rules on the organisational structure and functions related to;**
 - **Communicable diseases**
 - **Child and adolescent health**
 - **Occupational health**
 - **water**
 - **Cemeteries and burial**
 - **Accommodation (houses, hotels etc.)**
 - **Production plants**



COMPETENT AUTHORITY

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

CENTRAL ORGANISATION OF MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Consists of General Directorates and Departments in addition to two affiliated bodies:

The main units are:

- General Directorate for Primary Healthcare Services**
- General Directorate for Curative Services**
- General Directorate for Pharmaceuticals and Pharmacy**
- General Directorate for Mother and Childcare and Family Planning**



CENTRAL ORGANISATION OF MINISTRY OF HEALTH

- General Directorate for Health Education**
- Cancer Control Department**
- Tuberculosis Control Department**
- Malaria Control Department**

Two affiliated bodies:

- Refik Saydam National Hygiene Center**
- General Directorate for Borders and Maritime Health**



MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH

- Operating an integrated system of health care (primary, secondary and tertiary care)
- Planning and programming in health sector
- Regulating the health sector
- Producing and/or licensing/importing vaccines, serum, blood products and medications
- Health protection and promotion
- Implementing disease control programmes



AFFILIATED ORGANISATIONS OF MINISTRY OF HEALTH

REFİK SAYDAM NATIONAL HYGIENE CENTER (RSNHC)

- Central unit in Ankara, has regional directorates in each 7 geographical regions.
- Laboratories located both in Ankara and in the regions



REFİK SAYDAM NATIONAL HYGIENE CENTER (RSNHC)

Activities of RSNHC

- Production (various antiserums, antigenes and antisera used in the diagnosis of various infectious diseases)
- Control/Analysis (pharmaceuticals and cosmetics, vaccines, sera and other biological products, blood products, water, environmental health, cleaning materials, disinfectants, air pollution, industrial and waste water, soil pollution and noise)



REFİK SAYDAM NATIONAL HYGIENE CENTER (RSNHC)

- **Diagnosis/Confirmation (haematology, bacteriology, serology, virology, biochemistry, hormones, toxicology)**
- **Training (specialisation in clinical microbiology, in-service training)**
- **Research/Publication**
- **Consultancy (Poison Center 7/24, scientific and public consultancy)**



AFFILIATED ORGANISATIONS OF MINISTRY OF HEALTH

DIRECTORATE GENERAL BORDERS AND MARITIME HEALTH:

- Implementation of the International Health Regulations
- Quarantine measures at borders
- Maritime and aviation health
- Environmental health measures (limited to borders and coasts)
- Awarding free pratique certificate
- Communicable disease control
- Occupational health, seafarers



PERIPHERAL ORGANISATION OF MINISTRY OF HEALTH

- **Provincial Health Directorates administer the services provided by the Ministry of Health in 81 provinces.**
- **Regarding the provincial units, there are 1189 hospitals and 772 of these are affiliated to MoH.**
- **Other provincial health units are:**
 - **Public Health Laboratories (115)** - **Health Centers (6304)**
 - **Tuberculosis Dispensaries (251)** - **Health Posts (6801)**
 - **Mother and Child Health and Family Planning Centers (234)**



HEALTH TRANSITION PROGRAMME (2003)

The aim of the Programme is to organise and deliver health care services in an efficient and equitable way and maintain sustainability of financing.

It has 5 components:

- Planning and leadership of Ministry of Health to be more prominent
- Universal Coverage of Social Security
- Universal access to services
 - Efficient referral system
 - Autonomy of hospitals
 - Countrywide Family Practitioners' System
 - Improved Public Health Programmes (Mother and childcare, tobacco etc.)
- Human Resources (Training)
- Health Information System



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