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# **Publication and Availability of Customs Information: Turkish Experience**

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# Presentation Outline





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# International Framework

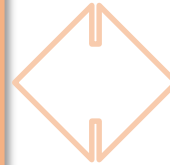


## Trade Facilitation Agreement



*Information related to domestic application of Agreement*

- Article 1: Publication and Availability of Information
- Article 2: Opportunity to Comment and Consultation
- Article 3: Advance Rulings
- Article 4: Procedures for Appeal or Review
- Article 5: Detention, Test Procedures
- Article 6: Fees and Charges



*Information to be notified to WTO*

- Article 1.4: Notification
- Article 10.4.3: Application of Single Window
- Article 10.6.2: Use of Customs Brokers
- Article 12.2.2: Contact Point regarding Customs Cooperation

Both sides complement each other and allows fast and precise availability of information



## International Framework - II

### Revised Kyoto Convention

- General Annex Chapters 1, 3, 6, 7 and 9  
*Regulates general publication rules regarding export, import and transit procedures*
- Specific Annexes A and H

### WCO-related Tools

- SAFE Framework of Standards
- Revised Arusha Declaration
- Single Window Compendium
- Recommendations

### Other International Organizations Work

- UNCTAD Trade Facilitation Technical Notes  
*No. 1, 2, 6, 10, 11, 18, 21 and 22*



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# **Publication and Transparency**



# Publication and Transparency

## Publication of Customs Information

- Publication of all laws, regulations and communiques are published in The Official Gazette of the Republic of Turkey.
- In parallel, all of customs regulations and other changes in application of customs procedures are published in relevant government agencies' websites:

*Ministry of Trade is customs administration of the Republic of Turkey and all information made available through its website*

*All other information published in relevant websites (agriculture, transportation etc.)*





# Publication and Transparency

## Publication of Customs Information



- The Official Gazette of the Republic of Turkey
- Ministry of Trade
- Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
- Ministry of Environment and Urbanization
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Industry and Technology
- Ministry of Treasury and Finance
- Turkish Standards Institute
- The Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey





# Publication and Transparency

## Publication of Customs Information

- Several guidelines and brochures consisting general information on customs procedures and frequently asked questions
- 28 electronic documents are available through Ministry of Trade website both in Turkish and English





# Publication and Transparency

## Tariff Searching Programme (TARA)

- TARA is an electronic environment in which tariff classification and applied tariffs are available.

<https://uygulama.gtb.gov.tr/Tara>

The screenshot shows the TARA web application interface. The browser address bar displays <https://uygulama.gtb.gov.tr/Tara>. The page title is "TARİFE ARAMA (TARA)". On the left, there is a sidebar menu with options: "Gümrük İşlemleri", "Tarife Arama", and "Tarife Similasyon". The main content area is titled "Tarife Arama İşlemleri" and contains two tabs: "Tarife Arama" (selected) and "Vergi Oranları". Below the tabs, there is a text box with the following information:

1. Bu program, GTİP aramasında yalnızca Türk Gümrük Tarife Cetveli ile Bağlayıcı Tarife Bilgisi veri tabanı bilgilerini kullanmaktadır.

2. Programdaki vergi ve belge bilgileri BİLGE Sisteminden alınan varsayılan tercihli olmayan tarifeye dayalıdır. Programda yer alan, eşyanın beyan edildiği gümrük rejimi bakımından tahsil veya teminata bağlanması gereken vergiler ile beyannameye eklenmesi öngörülen belgeler ile ilgili verilerden yükümlüler yolu gösterici mahiyette istifade edilebilir. Programdaki anılan verilerden istifade edilmesi 4458 sayılı Gümrük Kanunun 61 inci maddesinin 3 üncü bendi ve Gümrük Yönetmeliğinin 113 üncü maddesinin birinci fıkrasındaki sorumlulukları ortadan kaldırmaz.

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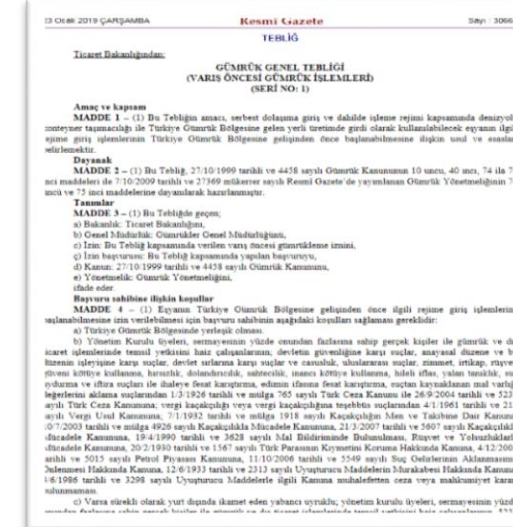
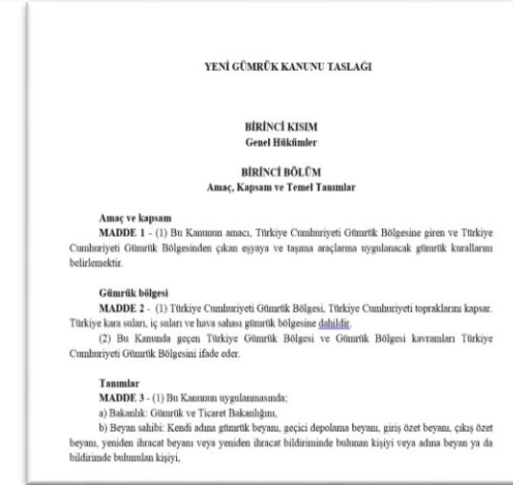
# Publication and Transparency

## Opportunity to Comment and Consultation

- Regulation on Rules and Procedures of Preparation of Legislation Article 6 reads the following:

*«Before sending draft legislation to the Presidency for publication; ministries and government agencies must cooperate with each other in preparation phase.»*

- Consultation with local agencies, universities, non-governmental organisations and all other relevant communities
- Publication of draft primary legislation in its website by Turkish Customs Administration
- Transition period for implementation after the publication of legislation
- Examples;  
Draft Customs Legislation  
General Customs Communique (Pre-Arrival Declaration)(No:1)





## Advance Rulings

- As regulated in Turkish Customs Code Article 8, all customs administrations shall give information regarding implementation of customs legislation.

### Article 9 of Turkish Customs Code



#### *Tariff Classification*

- Determining tariff classification On the basis of Customs Tariff Statistics Classification
- Valid for six years



#### *Rules of Origin*


- Administrative decision given to applicant on the basis of Article 17 to 22 of Turkish Customs Code
- Valid for three years

## Advance Rulings

- Advance rulings on tariff classification is issued after three months of the application.
- Application of advance rulings on tariff classification is made through electronic system.
- Advance rulings on tariff classification are issued by six selected regional directorates while advance rulings on rules of origin are issued by Customs HQ (Directorate General of Customs).

<https://uygulama.gtb.gov.tr/BTBBasvuru/AnaSayfa>

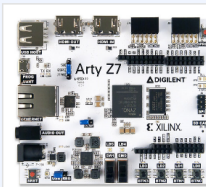
- All advance rulings issued by customs is published through this electronic system and publicly available.
- Nearly 6900 advance rulings on tariff classification since 2000
- 418 advance rulings in 2018



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## Procedures on Appeal and Review

In line with Article 242 of Turkish Customs Code;

- Any decision or ruling of the customs administration regarding penalties, taxes or other administrative decision can be appealed to a higher authority.
- If there is no higher authority, appeal request must be forwarded to the authority that issued the decision.
- Appeal requests are concluded within thirty days.
- Upon refusal of appeal, applicants can appeal directly to an administrative court.



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# Future Plans





# Future Plans

## Trade Facilitation Board and Strategy



Turkey established National Trade Facilitation Board in December 2016. Aim of the NTFB:

- Coordination between public authorities and private sector;
- Full implementation of WTO TFA
- Adoption of necessary TFA+ measures to be implemented in Turkey

Board adopted 2018-2022 Strategy and Action Plan for Trade Facilitation of Turkey.





## Trade Facilitation Board and Strategy

### Strategy and Action Plan on Trade Facilitation of Turkey (2018-2022)



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Transparency is a priority issue:

Several actions regarding WTO TFA Articles 1 to 4, which includes:

- *Establishment of a Trade Information Portal*
- *Improvement of advance rulings application system*
- *Preparing legislation on advance rulings on customs valuation*



# Future Plans

## Customs Guide Project



## REPUBLIC OF TURKEY **CUSTOMS GUIDE**

- A comprehensive customs guide in the form of a web portal
- Provides information on customs legislation and procedures on both commercial goods and passenger goods.
- Guide will be available in several languages.



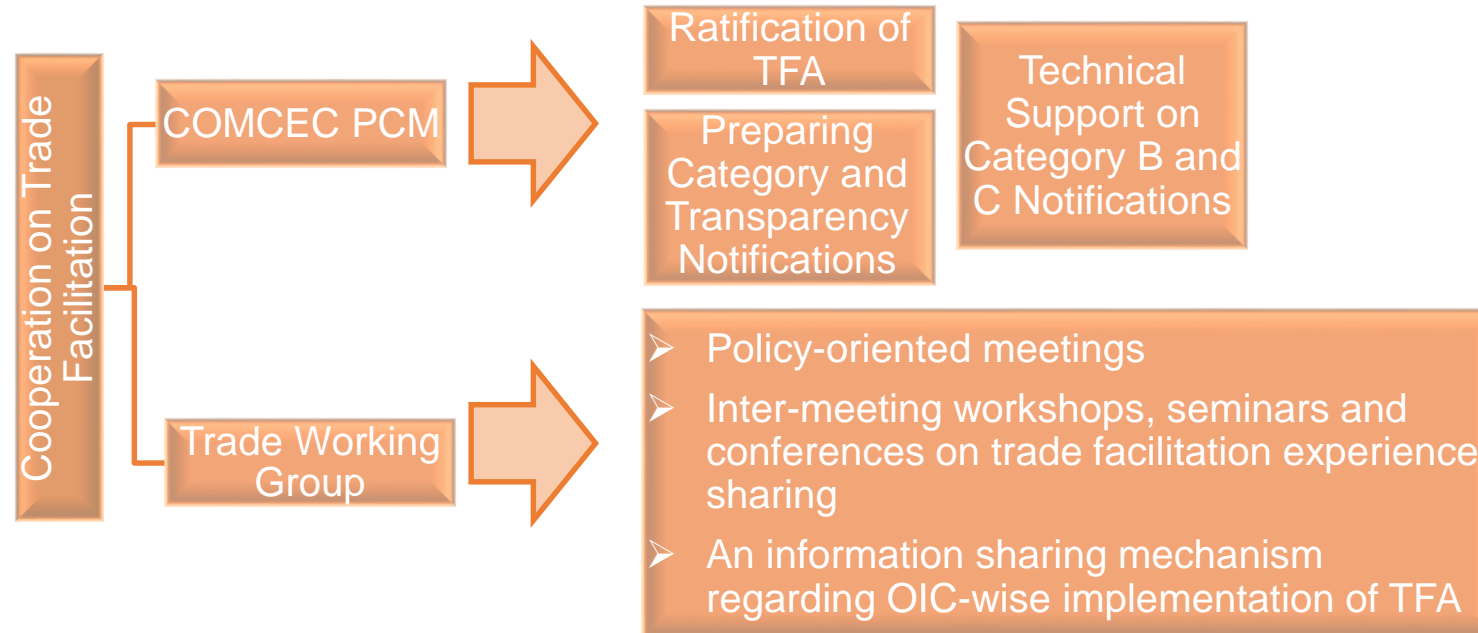
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# **Cooperation Among OIC Member States**



# Cooperation Among OIC Member States

- Out of 57 Member States, 34 have ratified WTO TFA
- Within the concept of transparency, OIC Members' implementation level of provisions vary but improving over time
- There is a tremendous need for cooperation for increasing the intensity of facilitation among intra-OIC trade and cooperation among customs administrations





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***Thank you for attention.***