

DECISION ON EXECUTION, MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION OF NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY ACTIVITIES

Purpose and Scope

ARTICLE 1- (1) Purpose and scope of this Decision is to take measures in order to ensure the security and protect confidentiality of all services, processes and data provided via information technologies by public institutions and organizations, as well as the systems involved in their provision, and to regulate rules and procedures which should be abided by natural and legal entities involved in the operation of critical infrastructures related to information and communication technologies.

Definitions and Abbreviations

ARTICLE 2- (1) The terms laid down in this Decision shall have the following meanings;

- a) Ministry: Ministry of Transport, Maritime and Communication,
- b) BTK: Information Technologies and Communications Authority,
- c) National Cyber Security: Security of all services, processes and data provided via information and communication technologies, as well as systems involved in their provision.

Principles

ARTICLE 3- (1) Public institutions and organizations shall abide by plans, programs, procedures, rules and standards issued by the Ministry in order to ensure National Cyber Security.

(2) National resources shall be used in the maximum capacity in all possible areas, in developing national solutions, software and hardware infrastructures during the process of work to be conducted on the subject of National Cyber Security.

(3) The works to be conducted by public institutions and organizations in the field of National Cyber Security shall be given priority in financial resource planning and required resource allocation.

Cyber Security Board

ARTICLE 4- (1) Cyber Security Board shall be established in order to identify measures to be taken in respect of cyber security, approve the plans, programs, reports,

procedures, rules and standards prepared, and ensure their implementation and coordination under the chairmanship of the Ministry of Transport, Maritime and Communication, and consist of Undersecretaries of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of National Defense, the Ministry of Transport, Maritime and Communication, the Public Order and Security, the National Intelligence Organization, the Chief of Communications Electronics and Information Systems of Turkish General Staff, the Head of the Information Technologies and Communications Authority, the Head of the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey, the Head of the Financial Crimes Investigation Board, the Head of the Telecommunication and Communication Authority as well as senior staff from ministries and public institutions to be determined by the Ministry of Transport, Maritime and Communication.

Duties and Powers of the Ministry

ARTICLE 5- (1) Within the scope of this Decision, duties of the Ministry are as follows;

- a) Preparing policies, strategies and action plans to ensure National Cyber Security,
- b) Preparing rules and procedures to ensure security and confidentiality of information and data belonging to public institutions and organizations,
- c) Following the set-up of technical infrastructure and ensuring the testing and verification of efficiency of applications in order to ensure National Cyber Security in public institutions and organizations,
- d) Exerting efforts to ensure the security of national information technologies, communication infrastructure and systems as well as databases, to create systems for follow-up, intervention and prevention of cyber threats and attacks by identifying the critical infrastructures, to set up and ensure the set-up of the relevant centers, to control, operate and constantly strengthen these systems,
- e) Encouraging the development and production of any national solutions and intervention instruments against cyber-attacks to ensure National Cyber Security and promoting their use,
- f) Employing a sufficient number of expert personnel and planning, coordinating and conducting their training and development, that is necessary for critical institutions and locations in respect of National Cyber Security.
- g) Cooperating with other countries and international organizations within the

framework of this Decision,

h) Exerting efforts to raise consciousness, to increase awareness and to provide training in the field of National Cyber Security,

i) Issuing security certificates to natural and legal persons in training, test and generating solutions in the field of information security by identifying procedures and principles,

j) Carrying out the secretariat services of the Cyber Security Board.

(2) The Ministry shall carry out the practices within the scope of Paragraph 1 by reaching agreement with the relevant institutions.

(3) The Ministry may conduct the duties specified in this Article by means of BTK and other public institutions and organizations.

(4) In case of force majeure regarding the protection of public order, the Ministry shall take measures related to national cyber security within the framework of the request to be made by the Cyber Security Board and the related authorities.

(5) Public institutions and organizations as well as natural and legal entities shall procure any kind of services on training, test and generating solutions with regards to cyber security from natural and legal entities possessing the security certificate.

Working Groups and Provisional Committees

ARTICLE 6- (1) The Ministry may set up working groups and provisional committees related to National Cyber Security in accordance with Paragraph 7 of Article 29 and Article 30 of Decree Law No. 655 and dated 26/9/2011 on Organization and Duties of the Ministry of Transport, Maritime and Communication.

Entry into Force

ARTICLE 7- (1) This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its publication.

Enforcement

ARTICLE 8- (1) The Minister of Transport, Maritime and Communication shall enforce this Decision.