



REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

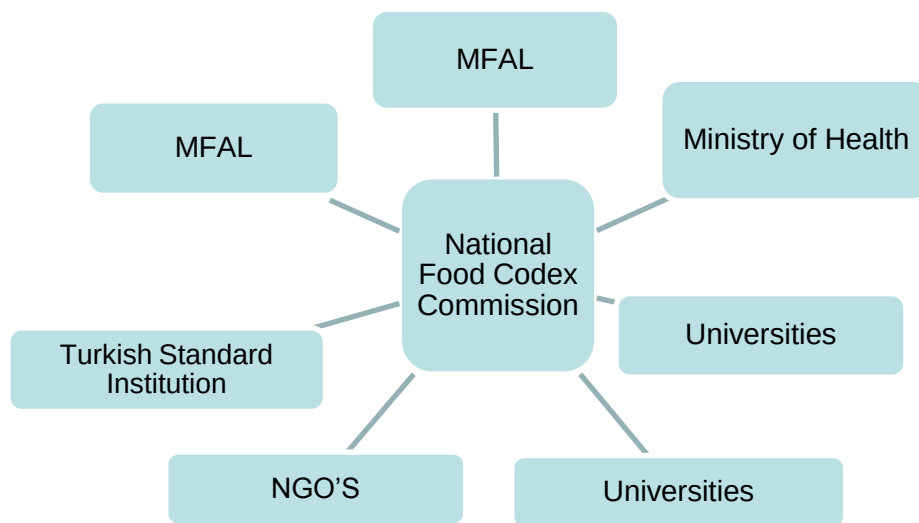
The Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock (MFAL) the competent authority in the fields of food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary and responsible for developing policy, legislation and the enforcement for food and feed safety, animal health, animal welfare and plant health in Turkey.

General Directorate for Food and Control (GDFC) is the main central service unit of the Ministry in charge of controlling and regulating food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary sectors.

The Codex Contact Point for Turkey is General Directorate of Food and Control (GDFC) under the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock (MFAL). MFAL is the competent authority on food safety due to Number 5996 Food Law in Turkey.

NATIONAL FOOD CODEX COMMISSION

Turkey has National Food Codex Commission (NFCC) which consists of seven members who represent MFAL (two members), Ministry of Health (one member), Turkish Standard Institution (one member), Universities (two members) and NGO's (one member). This Commission is responsible for preparing Turkish Food Codex which includes horizontal and vertical legislation that covers minimum technic and hygienic properties of foodstuffs.



Another responsibility of NFCC is to obtain national position for Codex meetings. NFCC checks the schedule and agenda of Codex meetings at the beginning of each year and decides to be participated to which Codex meetings considering the priorities of country. Human health issues related to the country's food production, the problems which were faced with during preparation of legislation are most important criteria for selection procedure. Delegates are chosen according to qualifications they have.

SUB-COMMITTEES

29 sub-committees for each issue related to food under NFCC.

Issues concerning Codex are performed by Food Codex Division at Department of Food Establishments and Codex under GDFC.

NFCC	
Horizontal Sub-Committees	Vertical Sub-Committees
<i>Food additives</i>	<i>Alcoholic drinks</i>
<i>Methods of sampling and analysis</i>	<i>Non-alcoholic beverages</i>
<i>Foods for special dietary uses</i>	<i>Processed Fruits and vegetables</i>
<i>Pesticide residues</i>	<i>Coffee and chicory</i>
<i>Food contact materials</i>	<i>Cocoa products and chocolate</i>
<i>Flavourings</i>	<i>Fats and Oils</i>
<i>Food Labelling</i>	<i>Milk and milk products</i>
<i>Novel foods</i>	<i>Sugar and products</i>
<i>Contaminants</i>	<i>Cereals-legumes and products</i>

<i>Veterinary drugs and residues</i>	<i>Salt</i>
<i>Food hygiene and microbiology</i>	<i>Spices</i>
	<i>Honey</i>
	<i>Tea</i>
	<i>Meat and meat products</i>
	<i>Traditional foodstuffs</i>
	<i>Quick frozen foodstuffs</i>
	<i>Egg and egg products</i>

The experts from related stakeholders are included in these specialized sub-committees. The experts participate from the MFAL, the MH, the universities, related food sector and other related associations.

First duty of these sub-committees is to prepare the food codex which is compatible with European Union. Second duty is to prepare the national position for codex committees to present to NFCC.

ELABORATION OF LEGISLATION

Preparation of Draft Standard

Draft Standards are prepared by related sub-committees under National Food Codex Commission

Pre-announcement of Draft Standard

The draft standard is pre-announced to encourage the participation of citizen and other interested parties on Ministry web-page. At the same time, the official letter to announce the start of comment period is sent to related parties.

Comment Procedure

The prior comment procedures to be open to all interested parties, including non-nationals. The comment period after pre-announce is approximately 1 month.

Sub-committees must give consideration to all comments received. All comments received and determined by the members of sub-committee. After comments, sub-committee evaluates the comments and then draft is sent to NFCC.

Publication

NFCC decide to publish or to review of standard in sub-committee again. The process of drafting a standard needs approximately 6 months-2 years (sometimes longer)

HOSTING EXPERIENCES OF TURKEY

- The Fourth Session of “The Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods” was held on 26-30 April 2010, In İzmir/TURKEY.



- The CCEURO Physical Working Group on Ayrar met in Istanbul (Turkey) from 29th to 31st May 2012.

