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Turkey Introduces Database for Electronic Communication Infrastructure Information

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Turkey has introduced a new database called the Electronic Communication Infrastructure Information System (" **System**"), as well as related regulatory requirements for data entry, data auditing, and electronic communication infrastructure. The related Regulation applies to companies which are authorized to provide electronic communication services, networks, or operate related infrastructure. Companies must record their infrastructure, network and service information to the System, as well as ensure the information is accurate and current.

The Information and Communication Technologies Authority ("**Authority**") published the Regulation on Infrastructure and Information Systems of Electronic Communication ("**Regulation**") in Official Gazette number 29769 on 13 July 2016, effective three months after publication.

Companies exercising rights to lay cables (through public or private property) and networks established for fixed and mobile lines must also comply with Authority's Reference Document for Electronic Communication Infrastructure Facilities.

The Authority can audit the accuracy of data, as well as companies' compliance with the Reference Document for Electronic Communication Infrastructure Facilities. At the Authority's request, companies must enable remote access to their information systems.

Administrative sanctions apply for violations of the Regulation, according to the Regulation on Information and Communication Technologies Authority Administrative Sanctions published in the Official Gazette no. 28914 date 15 February 2014.

The Authority is empowered to issue secondary legislation regarding the System.

Please see this link for the full text of the Regulation (only available in Turkish).

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