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## CAPITAL MARKETS LAW (NO. 6362)

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**PART I**  
**General Provisions**

**FIRST SECTION**  
**Purpose, Scope and Definitions**

**Purpose**

**Article 1 – (1)** The purpose of this Law is to regulate and supervise capital markets so as to ensure that capital markets are operated and developed in a reliable, transparent, efficient, stabilized, fair and competitive atmosphere and so as to protect the rights and interests of investors.

**Scope**

**Article 2 – (1)** Capital market instruments, and offering of the same, issuers and public offerors of the same, and capital market activities, capital market institutions, exchanges and other organized markets where capital market instruments are traded, and market operators, the Association of Capital Markets of Turkey, the Association of Appraisers of Turkey, central clearing institutions, central custodians, the Central Registry Agency and the Capital Markets Board are subject to and governed by the provisions of this Law. Non-public share offerings of privately held corporations are excluded from the scope of this Law.

**(2)** Any matters not dealt with in this Law and in secondary legislation associated with and enacted in reliance upon this Law, and any matters which are not subject to this Law as per other pertinent laws and regulations shall be governed by the general law provisions.

**Article 3 –(1)** Under the implementation of this Law:

- (a)** “Brokerage House” refers to an investment institution authorized by the Board solely and exclusively for investment services and activities described in sub-paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (e) and (f) of first paragraph of article 37 hereof;
- (b)** “Initial Capital” refers to minimum issued capital which is required to be held by joint-stock companies subject to the registered capital system;
- (c)** “Association” refers to the Association of Capital Markets of Turkey;

- (ç) "Exchange" refers to systems and marketplaces which are authorized and operated regularly as per this Law, and are organized in the form of a joint-stock company, and are operated and/or managed by itself or by a market operator in order to ensure that capital market instruments, foreign exchange and precious metals and precious stones and other agreements, instruments and assets deemed fit by the Board are easily and safely traded under free competition conditions, and to determine and announce the market prices, and to compile purchase and sale orders together or facilitate their compilation for execution purposes;
- (d) "Issued capital" refers to capital representing the sold shares of joint-stock corporations subject to the registered capital system;
- (e) "Publicly Held Company" refers to joint-stock corporations whose shares have been offered to public or which are considered to have been offered to the public;
- (f) "Public Offering" refers to the invitation of the public by all kinds and means of communications for the purchase of capital market instruments, and a sale performed upon this invitation;
- (g) "Public Offeror" refers to a natural person or a legal entity who applies to the Board for public offering of its capital market instruments;
- (ğ) "Issue" refers to a process whereby an issuer issues capital market instruments and sells them with or without public offering
- (h) "Issuer" refers to legal entities and mutual funds, subjected to this Law, who issue capital market instruments or apply to the Board for issue thereof or whose capital market instruments offered to public
- (ı) "Related Minister" refers to the Minister appointed by the Prime Minister;
- (i) "Mortgage-Backed Securities" refers to, mortgage covered bonds, mortgage-based securities, or capital market instruments, other than stocks, issued by mortgage finance corporations, and other capital market instruments collateralized receivables arising from housing finance;
- (j) "Prospectus" refers to a public disclosure document containing all kinds of information needed to enable the investors to make a conscious choice by considering the financial situation and performance, prospects and activities of issuer, and if any, guarantor, and specifications of and rights and risks associated to capital market instruments to be issued or traded in the exchange;
- (k) "Public Disclosure Platform" refers to an electronic system to which information required to be disclosed to public pursuant to the applicable laws and regulations are transmitted with electronic signature and are disclosed to public;
- (l) "Registered Capital" refers to capital of a joint-stock corporation registered and announced in the Trade Register, representing the maximum amount of stocks that can be issued by a decision of the Board of Directors of the company, without being subject to the provisions of the Turkish Commercial Code, no. 6102, dated 13/2/2011, on capital increases, provided that there is a provision in the Articles of Association of the company;
- (m) "Collective Investment Institutions" refers to mutual funds and investment partnerships;
- (n) "Board" refers to the Capital Markets Board;

- (o) "Securities" refers to: with the exception of money, cheque, policy, bond
- 1) shares or stocks and other securities similar to shares or stocks and certificates of deposit relating to shares or stocks; and
  - 2) debt instruments or debt instruments based on securitized assets and revenues and certificates of deposit relating to such instruments, except for cash, checks, drafts and promissory notes;
- (ö) "Central Counterparty" refers to a central clearing institution who commits the execution and completion of settlement by assuming the role of seller against buyer and the role of buyer against seller;
- (p) "CRA" refers to and stands for Central Registry Agency Co., Inc., being a private law entity established and founded to execute for dematerialization of capital market instruments, and to pursue these dematerialized instruments and the rights associated thereto on book-entry basis in electronic media separately for members and right holders, and to keep them in central custody, and to perform other duties and assignments that may be given by the Board within the frame of the capital markets laws and regulations;
- (r) "Market Operator" refers to a joint-stock corporation managing and/or operating the exchange or the markets of exchange;
- (s) "Custody Services" refers to services relating to capital market instruments entrusted or delivered physically or on book-entry basis either with respect to and in the course of capital market activities and operations or as a depository or custodian or for management purposes or as a security or under any other name whatsoever it is;
- (ş) "Capital Market Instruments" refers to securities and other capital market instruments categorized and grouped by the Board under this heading, including, but not limited to, derivatives and investment agreements;
- (t) "Capital Market Institutions" refers to and stands for the institutions listed in Article 35 hereof;
- (u) "Derivatives" refers to the following derivative instruments and other derivatives categorized and grouped by the Board under this heading:
- 1) Derivative instruments which give the right to purchase or sell or exchange the securities; and
  - 2) Derivative instruments the value of which is indexed to the price or yield of a security; or to the price of a currency or to any change of price; or to an interest rate or to any change of interest rate; or to the price of a precious metal or a precious stone or to any change of price; or to the price of a commodity or to any change of price; or to statistics published by institutions found appropriate by the Board or to any change therein; or to an index level which provides transfer of a credit risk or has measurement units such as energy prices and climate variables and is comprised of the mentioned items or to any change therein, as well as derivatives of these instruments, and derivatives which give the right to exchange the mentioned underlying assets; and
  - 3) Leveraged procedure on foreign exchange and precious metals and other assets to be designated by the Board;
- (ü) "TCB" refers to and stands for the Turkish Central Bank Co., Inc.;

- (v) “Investment Institution” refers to and stands for brokerage houses and other capital market institutions and banks which are founded for investment services and operations and are operating under principles designated by the Board; and
- (y) “IIC” refers to and stands for Investor Indemnification Center, being a public legal entity established and founded to execute the decisions of indemnification taken by the Board within the frame of this Law, if and when investment institutions fail to make cash payment or deliver capital market instruments arising out of investment services and activities.

## **PART II**

### **Principles on Issue and Issuers of Capital Market Instruments, and on Public Disclosure**

#### **FIRST SECTION**

#### **Issue of Capital Market Instruments**

##### **Obligation To Prepare And Issue A Prospectus**

**Article 4 – (1)** In order for capital market instruments to be offered to the public or listed and traded in the exchange, a prospectus is required to be prepared and issued, and the prepared prospectus is required to be approved by the Board.

(2) Information in the prospectus should be presented so as to be easily understood, considered and evaluated by investors.

(3) Name and position of natural persons and name, headquarters and contact information of legal entities in charge of the prospectus are to be clearly stated in the prospectus.

(4) The prospectus can be issued in the form of a single document or more than one document, providing that it contains information about issuer and issued capital market instruments, as well as a summary section. Summary section is composed of brief, clear and comprehensible information and statements about issuer and if any guarantor, and nature of guarantees, and basic properties of and rights and risks associated to capital market instruments to be issued.

(5) in the course of preparation of a prospectus by the public offeror, the issuer is obliged to take the measures for facilitating the preparation of prospectus.

##### **Authority Of Board**

**Article 5 – (1)** Depending upon the type and characteristics of issuer and capital market instruments to be offered to public or to be listed and traded in the exchange, the Board determines procedures and principles with regard to minimum information required to be provided in the prospectus, and guarantor and kind of guarantee, and documents comprising the prospectus, and format of prospectus, and disclosing and publishing of prospectus, and announcements and advertisements, and making reference to information previously published in the prospectus, and conditions of sale, and amendments and variations in the approved prospectus, and partial or full exemption from the obligation to prepare and issue a prospectus.

##### **Approval Of Prospectus**

**Article 6 – (1)** In the case of detection that all information contained in the prospectus are consistent, comprehensible and complete according to the prospectus standards specified by the Board, the Board decides to approve the prospectus. Procedures and principles relating to the review and inspection to be conducted in the course of approval of prospectus will be set down by the Board. If a prospectus is composed of different documents,

each of such documents is separately approved. Approval of a prospectus may in no case construed as a warranty or representation of the Board as to accuracy of information given in the prospectus, nor can it be considered and treated as an advice relating to the subject capital market instruments.

(2) An application for approval of prospectus is concluded and the conclusion is notified by the Board to the relevant persons within ten business days following submission to the Board of the prospectus prepared in compliance with the Board regulations, together with other required information and documents. This period of time is twenty business days in the initial public offerings.

(3) In the event that the information and documents submitted in an application for approval of prospectus are incomplete or additional information and documents are needed, the applicant is informed thereabout within ten business days following the date of application, and the applicant is requested to complete the required information and documents within a period of time to be designated by the Board. Thereupon, the periods of time specified in the second paragraph hereof start to run from the date of delivery of the said missing or additional information and documents to the Board.

(4) In case of an application is not approved upon a review and inspection conducted within the frame of this article, the decision is notified to the relevant persons stating the reasons thereof.

### **Publishing of Prospectus, Announcements and Advertisements**

**Article 7 – (1)** After approval, a prospectus shall be published in accordance with the principles to be set down by the Board, and shall not be separately registered in the Commercial Register and announced in the Turkish Trade Registry Gazette. However, the publication where the prospectus is published shall be registered in the Commercial Register and announced in the Turkish Trade Registry Gazette.

(2) The prospectus may be announced and made public in accordance with the principles to be set down by the Board, before approval

(3) Announcements, advertisements and statements pertaining to the issue should be consistent with the prospectus and should not contain untrue, exaggerated and misleading data and information.

### **Amendments In And Additions To Prospectus**

**Article 8 – (1)** If, prior to start of sales or during the period of sales, the information disclosed to the public through the prospectus changes or emerging of new issues occur which in turn may affect the investment decisions of investors, such changes or new issues will be immediately notified by the issuer or public offeror to the Board by the most convenient means of communication.

(2) The sales process may be suspended and stopped upon occurrence of such changes or new issues

(3) Information to be changed or added as above will, within seven business days following the date of notification, be approved in accordance with the principles mentioned in Article 6 hereinabove and be published as described in Article 7.

(4) Investors who have already requested to purchase the capital market instruments before publishing of changes or new developments and events will, within two business days following the date of publishing of amendments in or additions to prospectus, have the right to renounce from and withdraw their requests.

### **Validity Time Of Prospectus**

**Article 9 – (1)** For issues to be realized by the issuer or public offeror by the end of twelve months following the date of first publishing of prospectus, it is sufficient to have the amendments and additions to prospectus approved in accordance with the principles mentioned in Article 6 hereinabove and published as described in the Article 7. On the other hand, in public offerings to be carried out after the end of this period, the prospectus is required to be completely approved.

### **Persons In Charge Of Prospectus**

**Article 10 – (1)** Issuers are liable for all kinds of damages and losses that may be caused by inaccurate, misleading and incomplete information located in the prospectus. Should it be not possible to recover the damages and losses from issuers or if it is clearly understood that they cannot be recovered, then and in this case, public offerors, and leading brokerage house underwriting the issue, and if any, guarantor, and directors of issuer are held liable for such damages and losses depending on their faults and to the extent the damages and losses can be attributed to them under the available circumstances.

**(2)** Persons and entities, such as independent auditors, rating agencies and appraisal and valuation agencies who prepare the reports issued to locate in the prospectus are also held liable for untrue, misleading and incomplete information contained in their reports to the extent envisaged under the provisions of this Law.

### **Issue Of Capital Market Instruments Without Public Offering**

**Article 11 – (1)** In order for capital market instruments to be issued without public offering, a certificate of issue containing information about nature and conditions of sale of the subject instruments is required to be prepared, and to be approved by the Board in accordance with the principles laid down in Article 6 hereinabove.

**(2)** The Board designates the procedures and principles as to the certificate of issue, and approval of such certificate, and if and to the extent deemed necessary, disclosing of the certificate to the public.

**(3)** Provisions of Article 32 shall be applicable concerning the liability for untrue, misleading and incomplete information provided in the certificate of issue.

### **Sales Of Capital Market Instruments**

**Article 12 – (1)** Shares issued are required to be fully paid in cash. The Board shall determine a guarantee that the shares which remain unsold within the sales period will be purchased and funded completely. The Board is further authorized to outline and determine the cases where it is not obligatory to pay the prices of shares in cash, such as capital increases in the case of merger, split-up, exchange of stocks or similar other company restructuring

**(2)** If and when market price or book value of shares is higher than their nominal value, then and in this case, the Board may request that the shares to be issued are sold at a premium price and that the right to acquire newly issued shares are used over premium price. On the other hand, if market price or book value of shares is less than their nominal value, the Board may permit the issue of shares at a price below their nominal value. Procedures and principles relating thereto will be designated by the Board.

**(3)** It is required to deliver the capital market instruments to the buyer at the time of sale. The regulations of the Board pertaining to issues in the share capital system, dematerialization of capital market instruments, and exchange transactions are, however, reserved.

- (4) In sales of capital market instruments to public, the Board may request from the issuer, public offerors, sellers and relevant exchanges to take measures for facilitating the purchase of capital market instruments by investors, and for protecting the rights and interests of investors.
- (5) In applications filed to the Board due to capital increase, the period of review by the Board will not be taken into account regarding the calculation of the period of time for registration of capital as stipulated in Article 456 of the Turkish Commercial Code no. 6102.
- (6) Provisions of Article 346 and third paragraph of Article 462 of the Turkish Commercial Code no. 6102 are not applicable on publicly held corporations and corporations which have applied to the Board for going public.

### **Dematerialization Of Capital Market Instruments**

**Article 13 – (1)** It is essential that capital market instruments are issued on book-entry basis in electronic media without using any physical certificates. The Board determines the capital market instruments to be issued and the rights to be pursued on book-entry basis, and defines the procedures and principles as to dematerialization of instruments by sorts and issuers thereof, and keeping of records related thereto, and termination of dematerialization of shares and stocks of issuers who cease to satisfy the conditions of membership.

(2) Dematerialized capital market instruments are recorded and pursued in accounts opened in the name of them, regardless of being registered to name or bearer. The Board may decide that the accounts will be kept collectively, depending upon the type of capital market instruments and the kind of their issuer or CRA members without opening an account in the name of right-holder of capital market instruments.

(3) Rights associated to dematerialized capital market instruments are pursued by CRA. Records are kept by CRA members in electronic media created by CRA.

(4) Capital market instruments decided to be dematerialized are required to be delivered in accordance with the principles determined by the Board. The delivered capital market instruments automatically become null and void. Non-delivered capital market instruments cannot be traded in the stock exchange, or brokerage houses cannot intermediate the trading of these capital market instruments, at any time after the decision of dematerialization.

(5) Rights associated to dematerialized capital market instruments may be claimed against third parties as from the date of notification to CRA in relation therewith.

(6) Transfer of shares is recorded in share book by companies in accordance with the pertinent provisions of the Turkish Commercial Code no. 6102 on the basis of the records pursued in CRA, without any application of relevant persons.

(7) Injunctions, attachments and similar other administrative and juridical claims or proceedings pertaining to the dematerialized capital market instruments are solely and exclusively carried out by CRA members. The provisions pertaining to claim, recovery and collection of receivables notified via electronic media pursuant to the pertinent laws are, however, reserved.

## **SECOND SECTION**

### **Principles on Public Disclosure**

#### **Financial Reporting And Independent Audit**

**Article 14 – (1)** The issuer is under obligation to prepare and submit timely, completely and accurately all financial statements and reports to be disclosed or if required, to be requested by the Board, in strict compliance with the regulations of the Board in accordance with the Turkish Accounting Standards in terms of format and contents.

(2) It is the responsibility of the issuer and the issuer's directors, as the case may be, and depending on their faults, to ensure that the financial statements and reports are prepared and submitted in accordance with the regulations of the Board as specified in the preceding first paragraph, and that they are true and accurate. The board of directors is required to take a separate decision for acceptance of the financial statements and reports to be issued as detailed in this article. Furthermore, public disclosures to be issued for financial statements and reports by the issuing company's executives and directors must contain a statement that the subject financial statements and reports are true and accurate.

(3) The issuers are further obliged to have those financial statements and reports as determined by the Board pursuant to the Turkish Accounting Standards audited by independent audit firms as listed under this Law, in terms of compliance with the principle of the Turkish Audit Standards specifying that the information given therein should fairly and accurately reflect the truth, and to obtain an independent audit report thereafter.

(4) In the case of public offering, application for quoting in exchange, material transactions as defined in article 23 hereof, and events and developments making a material effect on the company's activities and financial situation, the Board shall be authorized to request an independent audit report issued in accordance with the provisions of this article also from other companies being a party to the subject transaction.

(5) Both the financial statements and reports requested by the Board, and in the case of being subject to independent audit, the independent audit report will be disclosed to the public in accordance with the procedures and principles specified by the Board

### **Special Circumstances Of Public Disclosures**

**Article 15 – (1)** Information, events and developments which may affect the value and price of capital market instruments and the investment decisions of investors will be disclosed to the public by issuers or relevant parties thereto.

(2) Procedures and principles relating to public disclosure or notification to the relevant issuer of the information, events and developments specified in the first paragraph, as well as deferral of public disclosure or non-disclosure to the public in exceptional cases shall be determined by the Board.

## **THIRD SECTION Publicly Held Corporations**

### **Eligibility For Publicly Held Corporation Status**

**Article 16 – (1)** Shares of companies listed and traded in the exchange and shares of joint-stock corporations having more than five hundred shareholders shall be deemed to have been offered to the public. These companies are subject to the law provisions applicable to publicly held corporations.

(2) Joint-stock companies the shares of which are unquoted in the exchange are under obligation to apply to the stock exchange for quoting of their shares within maximum two years following the date they become eligible for publicly held company status, or otherwise, the Board will, regardless of any request of the corporation, take necessary decisions either for quoting of these shares in the exchange or for removal of the corporation from publicly held corporation status.

### **Corporate Governance Principles**

**Article 17 – (1)** Procedures and principles relating to corporate governance principles in publicly held corporations, and contents and publishing of corporate governance compliance reports, and rating of compliance of companies with corporate governance principles, and independent directorships shall be determined and specified by the



Board. The Board shall use its powers so as not to cause any unfair competition among publicly held corporations, and by considering the principle of application of equal rules to companies under equal conditions.

(2) The Board shall further be authorized to keep the publicly held corporations the shares of which are quoted in the exchange obliged to comply with all or some of the corporate governance principles, depending on their characteristics, and to determine the procedures and principles in connection therewith, and should they fail to comply by the end of the period of time granted to them, to take decisions so as to fulfil the compliance therewith, and to take relevant actions in its own initiative and ex officio, and even if a period of time is not granted, to apply for injunction reliefs, free from any kind of collaterals therein for, for determination of unlawfulness and for cancellation of any acts or transactions in non-conformity with the said principles, and to bring forward lawsuits, and to request judgments for fulfilling compliance therewith, and to determine the procedures and principles of performance of these acts.

(3) The publicly held corporations, prior to starting any transactions of a type to be determined by the Board with their related parties, are required to take a decision of board of directors outlining and putting forth the principles of such transaction. For applicability of aforesaid decisions of the board of directors, they are required to be approved by majority of independent members of the board of directors. Should majority of independent members refrain from approving the transaction, this is required to be disclosed to the public with sufficient information about the transaction in accordance with public disclosure regulations, and the transaction is then presented to the approval of the General Assembly of shareholders. In the aforesaid meetings of the general assembly of shareholders, decisions are taken in a voting wherein the parties to the transaction and their related parties cannot vote. In discussion of this article in a meeting of the General Assembly of shareholders, meeting quorum will not be sought for, and decisions are taken by affirmative vote of simple majority of those having the right to vote therein. Decisions of board of directors or General Assembly of shareholders not taken in strict compliance with the principles set down in this paragraph will be deemed invalid.

(4) Publicly held corporations may perform their obligations arising out of both this article and first paragraph of article 1524 of the Turkish Commercial Code no. 6102 also through electronic media provided by CRA.

(5) Procedures and principles related to application of this article on publicly held corporations will be determined in due consultation with and with prior consent of the Banking Regulation and Supervision Board.

### **Registered Capital System**

**Article 18 – (1)** Publicly held companies and companies which have applied to the Board for offering their shares to the public may adopt the registered capital system with the permission of the Board, providing, however, that the permission of the Board will not be sought for the companies which have already shifted to this system pursuant to the Turkish Commercial Code no. 6102.

(2) In registered capital system, the board of directors is authorized to increase the capital of the company up to the registered capital ceiling stated in the Articles of Association, without complying with the provisions of the Turkish Commercial Code no. 6102 concerning capital increases, providing, however, that this authorization may be granted thereto by the general assembly of shareholders for a maximum period of five years, and the duration of this authorization may further be extended by maximum five-years' terms at each time by a decision of the General Assembly of shareholders.

(3) In registered capital system, new shares are not to be issued, unless the already issued shares are fully sold and their values are paid for, or the unsold shares are cancelled.

(4) In the case of existence of privileged shares, decisions of the General Assembly of shareholders pertaining to amendments to Articles of Association as will be taken as per this article are required to be approved by General Assembly of holders of privileged shares according to the principles set forth in article 454 of the Code no. 6102, providing, however, that a decision of the general assembly of holders of privileged shares is not separately sought for in capital increases of companies within their registered capital ceiling.

- (5) The board of directors may resolve to issue privileged shares or shares above or below the nominal value per share, or to restrict the rights of purchase of shareholders on newly issued shares, or to restrict the rights of privileged shareholders only if and when it has been explicitly authorized so by the articles of association. However, the authorization to restrict the rights of purchase on newly issued shares cannot be used in such manner to cause inequality between shareholders. Provisions of second and third paragraphs of article 461 of the Code no. 6102 are not applicable for publicly held corporations.
- (6) Against the decisions taken by the board of directors within the frame of principles of this article, an annulment suit may, within thirty days following the date of announcement of the subject decision, be brought forward in the commercial court of the city of the company headquarters by the directors or by the shareholders whose right are violated within the frame of provisions of the Code no. 6102 pertaining to cancellation of decisions of the general assembly of shareholders.
- (7) Following completion of capital increase in compliance with provisions of this article, new version of the capital article of the articles of association indicating the share capital will be registered and announced by the board of directors.
- (8) Decisions taken by the board of directors in reliance upon the authorization granted by the articles of association and in accordance with this article will be disclosed to the public as specified by the Board.
- (9) In the event that a publicly held corporation covered by the registered capital system issues a convertible bond or a convertible derivative instrument, the total sum of issued capital of the company and of shares to be allocated and distributed upon conversion cannot exceed sum of the registered capital
- (10) Procedures and principles relating to enrolment of publicly held corporations in registered capital system, and departure from system, and expulsion by a decision of the Board, and contingent capital increases shall be determined by the Board. Companies which have previously shifted to this system pursuant to the Code no. 6102 and have later become a publicly held corporation shall also be subject to the provisions of this paragraph

### **Distribution Of Profit Shares And Bonus Issue And Donations**

**Article 19 – (1)** Publicly held companies distribute their profits within the frame of profit distribution policies to be determined by the general assembly of shareholders and in strict compliance with the applicable laws and regulations. With respect to profit distribution policies of publicly held companies, the Board may determine different principles for companies of similar characteristics.

(2) Unless and until the legally required reserve funds, and the dividends designated for shareholders in the Articles of Association are duly set aside and reserved, it cannot be decided to set aside other reserve funds, or to carry forward the profit to the next year, or to distribute dividends to holders of jouissance shares or directors or employees of the company, and unless and until the dividends designated for shareholders are fully paid, no dividend may be allocated or distributed to the said parties.

(3) In publicly held companies, dividends are equally distributed to all of the existing shares on the date of distribution, regardless of their dates of issue and acquisition.

(4) In capital increases of publicly held companies, bonus shares are distributed to the existing shares on the date of increase.

(5) Publicly held companies can make donations or distribute profit shares to persons other than shareholders only if and when they are authorized to do so as per the articles of association. Limit of donations to be made will be determined by general assembly of shareholders of the publicly held corporation. The Board shall be authorized to grant an upper limit of donations. Donations made by the companies during the relevant financial year are added to their distributable profit base.

## Profit Share Advances

**Article 20 – (1)** Total sum of profit dividend advances to be distributed in an accounting period cannot exceed half of the profit of the previous accounting period. Unless and until the dividend advances paid during the previous period are set off and subtracted, it cannot be decided to distribute additional dividend advances or to distribute profit shares.

**(2)** The directors, to the extent they may be held personally liable for the damages and losses as the case may be and depending on their faults, as well as the independent auditors, to the extent of their reports, shall be held liable towards the company and its shareholders and creditors, and be also held directly liable towards acquirers of shares during the accounting period when the dividend advances are decided or paid, for all kinds of damages and losses arising out of or in connection with the failure of the interim period financial statements to fairly reflect the truth, or the inaccuracy of the distributed dividend advances due to their non-compliance with the applicable laws and the accounting principles and rules. In the case of legal responsibility, an annulment suit may be brought forward by the shareholders and directors according to sixth paragraph of article 18 hereinabove within thirty days as of the date of announcement of relevant decision.

**(3)** Procedures and principles relating to implementation of this article shall be regulated by the Board.

## Prohibition On Transfer Of Hidden Profits

**Article 21 – (1)** Publicly held companies and collective investment institutions and their affiliates and subsidiaries are prohibited to transfer hidden profits to persons or entities, with whom they are directly or indirectly related in terms of management, audit or shareholding, by artificially reducing their profits or properties or artificially preventing the increase of their profits or properties through entering into agreements or commercial practices or generating a transaction volume containing different prices, fees, considerations or terms and conditions in non-compliance with the arm's length principle, market usage and practices, and principles of prudence and honesty in trading life.

**(2)** An act of publicly held companies and collective investment institutions and their affiliates and subsidiaries leading to increase of profits or assets of persons or entities related to them by omitting or disregarding the activities they are indeed required to perform in order to protect or increase their own profits or assets as a prudent and honest merchant and in accordance with the market practices and within the frame of their articles of association or internal bylaws and memorandum will also be considered and treated as an act of transfer of hidden profits.

**(3)** Publicly held companies and collective investment institutions are under obligation to document and evidence that their related party transactions are performed in compliance with the arm's length principle, market practices, and principles of prudence and honesty in trading life, and to keep the documentary proofs and information pertaining thereto for a minimum period of eight years. Procedures and principles required to be followed upon detection of a breach of the principles set forth in first paragraph hereof shall be determined by the Board.

**(4)** Upon determination by the Board of an act of transfer of hidden profits, the publicly held companies and collective investment institutions and their affiliates and subsidiaries request the parties to whom hidden profits are transferred to return and refund the transferred amount, together with legal interests, to the publicly held company and collective investment institution whose profits or assets are reduced, within a period of time to be determined by the Board. Thereupon, the parties to whom hidden profits are transferred are liable to return and refund the transferred amount, together with legal interests, within a period of time to be determined by the Board. Provisions of articles 94 and 119 hereof pertaining to breach of the prohibition on transfer of hidden profits, and the civil, criminal and administrative sanctions stipulated by the applicable laws and regulations in connection therewith are, however, reserved

## Purchase And Pledging Of Own Shares By Companies

**Article 22 – (1)** Publicly held companies can purchase their own shares or accept them as pledged properties within the frame of conditions to be determined by the Board. Procedures and principles relating to the conditions of purchase and pledging of own shares by publicly held companies, and transaction limits, and disposal or redemption of repurchased shares, and public disclosures pertaining thereto shall be set down by the Board.

**(2)** Purchase of shares of publicly held companies by affiliates covered by the consolidated balance sheet of the relevant company is also subject to and governed by the provisions of this article.

## Material Transactions Of Companies

**Article 23 – (1)** The publicly held companies' acts of:

- (a)** Being a party to merger or split-up transactions, or deciding to change its kind, or deciding to be terminated;
- (b)** Transferring the ownership of all or substantially part of its asset, or establishing real rights thereon or leasing;
- (c)** Changing its areas of activity entirely or substantially;
- (d)** Granting privileges or changing the subject matter or scope of the existing privileges; or
- (e)** Delisting,

shall be considered and treated as material transactions for the purposes of this Law. The Board shall be authorized to determine the material transactions including the degree of significance, and the procedures and principles required to be complied with in order to be entitled to take decisions for such transactions.

**(2)** If and when the pre-transaction situation is not restored within thirty days following the date of notification of the Board's decision for abolishment of transactions affected through breach of the obligations set forth in the first paragraph hereof, the Board may impose an administrative fine, and may sue for annulment of such transactions within the frame of the provisions of the Code no. 6102 pertaining to annulment of decisions of general assembly of shareholders.

## Right To Depart

**Article 24 – (1)** Shareholders who participate in the meeting of general assembly of shareholders with respect to material transactions as specified in article 23 hereinabove, and vote against such transactions, and have their dissenting opinions incorporated in the meeting minutes, shall have the right to depart from the publicly held corporation by selling their capital shares to the company. Thereupon, the publicly held corporation is under obligation to purchase these capital shares upon demand of the shareholder at a price equal to average of the weighted average prices quoted in the exchange during thirty days immediately before the date such material transaction is disclosed to the public.

**(2)** Where a shareholder is unfairly and improperly precluded from participating in a meeting of general assembly of shareholders with respect to material transactions as specified in article 23 hereinabove, or the meeting of general assembly of shareholders is not duly convened through proper invitation, or the agenda of meeting is not duly announced, the provisions of first paragraph hereof shall be applicable, regardless of use of dissenting

vote against the relevant decisions of the general assembly of shareholders and regardless of having the dissenting opinions incorporated in the meeting minutes.

(3) Agenda of the meeting of general assembly of shareholders with respect to the matters mentioned in the first paragraph hereof contains a statement that shareholders using dissenting vote against the subject decisions shall have the right to depart from the company, and the price of purchase of such shareholder's shares by the company if and when such right to depart is used.

(4) Procedures and principles relating to the absence of the right to depart, and use of such right, and calculation of sale price in companies the shares of which are not quoted in exchange shall be determined by the Board.

### **Share Purchase Offer**

**Article 25 – (1)** In publicly held corporations, procedures and principles relating to voluntary share purchase offers or mandatory share purchase offers due to material transactions shall be determined by the Board.

(2) Where share purchase offers are prohibited by the Board, transactions performed in reliance upon a prohibited offer shall be null and void ab initio.

### **Mandatory Share Purchase Offers**

**Article 26 – (1)** In publicly held companies corporations, in the case of acquisition of shares or voting rights leading to management control, it is mandatory to submit an offer to purchase shares of other shareholders. Procedures and principles relating to filing of a share purchase offer, and exemption from mandatory share purchase offers shall be determined by the Board.

(2) The direct or indirect holding of more than fifty percent of voting rights in the company, either alone or together with affiliated parties, or the holding of privileged shares entitling their holder to elect absolute majority of full number of members of board of directors or to nominate for such number of directorships in the general assembly meetings, shall be regarded as acquisition of management control. Provided, however, that this article does not apply if and when management control cannot be acquired due to existence of privileged shares.

(3) Even if the shareholdings in the company do not change, the acquisition of management control by some shareholders through special agreements without complying with procedures and principles envisaged to be determined by the Board as stated in first paragraph of article 23 and procedures and principles set forth in sixth paragraph of article 29 will also be subject to this article.

(4) With a view to protecting shareholders of publicly held corporations which are authorized to deal with a concession business and of which concession is later revoked, or the operation license of which is cancelled, or the management and supervision of which and the shareholding rights, other than dividend rights, of which are assigned to the Saving Deposits Insurance Fund pursuant to provisions of the Banking Law no. 5411 dated 19/10/2005, the Board may hold the dominant shareholder persons or entities, who are detected to have caused removal of concession, or implementation of pertinent provisions of the Law no. 5411, obliged to make a share purchase offer.

(5) The Board may impose a mandatory share purchase offer as a condition of permitting the amendments of articles of association that lead to change or loss of investment partnership status of investment partnerships

(6) Voting rights held by persons or entities who are held obliged to present a share purchase offer, and their affiliated parties, will automatically freeze if this obligation is not performed within the period of time designated by the Board. Such shares will not be taken into consideration in calculation of meeting quorum of general assembly of shareholders

### **Right To Expel From Partnership, And Put Option**

**Article 27 – (1)** If and when voting rights associated with shares held in capital of a publicly held corporation as a result of a share purchase offer or as a result of acting together or otherwise reach or exceed the percentage determined by the Board, then and in this case, holders of these shares become entitled to expel the minority shareholders from the partnership. These persons may request from the company to cancel the shares of minority shareholders and to sell to them the new shares to be issued in lieu of them. Sale price is determined pursuant to article 24 hereinabove.

**(2)** In the case of entitlement for expulsion from partnership under the conditions set forth in the first paragraph hereof, the minority shareholders become eligible to sell their shares through a put option. Accordingly, minority shareholders may request from the persons or entities holding voting rights equal to or in excess of the percentage determined by the Board, or their affiliated parties, to purchase their shares against a fair price within a period of time to be designated by the Board.

**(3)** Article 208 of the Code no. 6102 are not applicable on publicly held corporations.

**(4)** Procedures and principles relating to implementation of this article shall be set down by the Board

### **Privileged Shares**

**Article 28 – (1)** In the initial public offering of capital market instruments of companies, all of the privileges associated thereto are required to be disclosed to the public transparently and comprehensibly and in details.

**(2)** In publicly held corporations which incur losses for five consecutive years according to their financial statements prepared and issued in accordance with the applicable laws, except as otherwise reasonably required in the course of their operations, and within the frame of principles determined by the Board, the privileges pertaining to voting rights and representation in the board of directors will be revoked by a decision of the Board. However, this provision is not applicable if and when said privileged shares are held by public authorities and entities.

### **Principles Relating To General Assembly Meetings**

**Article 29 – (1)** Publicly held corporations are under obligation to call their general assembly of shareholders for a meeting as stipulated in their articles of association through an invitation published in the company's internet site and the Public Disclosure Platform and other channels designated by the Board. This invitation is published no later than three weeks prior to the date of meeting, except for the days of publishing and meeting. Procedures and principles relating to implementation of this paragraph shall be determined by the Board.

**(2)** First paragraph of article 414 of the Code no. 6102 shall not be applicable on shares issued as registered shares and quoted in exchange.

**(3)** In meetings of general assembly of shareholders of publicly held corporations, except for decisions relating to the moving of head offices of the company to abroad and decisions imposing obligations or secondary obligations for settlement of off - balance sheet losses, the provisions of article 418 of the Code no. 6102 shall be applied, if heavier quorums are not specified with a clear reference to rates in this Law or in articles of association. If articles of association does not incorporate the contents of provisions of the Code no. 6102, but only refers to the Code no. 6102 or to the relevant article number, it is not considered as a provision to the contrary. The provisions of sixth paragraph hereof are, however, reserved.

(4) In general assembly meetings of publicly held corporations, it is obligatory to add to the agenda of general assembly meeting all or any items requested by the Board to be discussed therein or to be notified to shareholders, without being bound by the principle of loyalty to meeting agenda.

(5) The right of minority shareholders to have new items added to the agenda, as stipulated by article 411 of the Code no. 6102, further covers the presentation for discussion of draft resolutions pertaining to the agenda topics in publicly held corporations.

(6) In publicly held corporations, in order for the general assembly of shareholders to adopt decisions as to restriction of the rights of option on newly issued shares, or in registered capital system, as to granting of authorization to the board of directors to restrict the rights of option on newly issued shares, or as to capital reduction, or as to material transactions envisaged according to first paragraph of article 23, unless heavier quorums are specified in the articles of association with clear reference to rates, and regardless of the meeting quorum, at least two thirds of shares with voting rights present in the general assembly meeting are required to give affirmative vote thereon. Provided, however, that if at least half of capital shares with voting rights are present in the meeting, unless heavier quorums are clearly specified in the articles of association, decisions are taken by affirmative vote of simple majority of shares with voting rights present in the meeting. Shareholders being a party to these transactions according to first paragraph of article 436 of the Code no. 6102 are not entitled to vote in the general assembly meetings where such transactions are approved. Any provisions of articles of association which reduce the quorums stipulated in this paragraph are null and void ab initio.

### **Participation And Voting In General Assembly Meetings**

**Article 30 – (1)** The right to participate and vote in general assembly meetings of publicly held corporations cannot be conditioned upon deposit of shares by the shareholder in any custodian or other institution.

(2) General assembly meetings of publicly held corporations the shares of which are dematerialized may be attended by shareholders named in the list of attendants to be issued by the board of directors in reliance upon the list of shareholders obtained from CRA. Eligible shareholders named in the aforesaid list participate in the general assembly meeting by showing their identity card. The Board shall be authorized to determine the principles as to maximum how many days prior to the general assembly meeting date the shareholders to be included in the aforesaid list will be determined, and/or if required, as to the shareholders' obligation to notify to CRA via the electronic medium specified in the fifth paragraph of this article that they and their proxies are going to participate in the meeting.

(3) Shareholders eligible to attend general assembly meetings of publicly held corporations the shares of which are not dematerialized shall be determined pursuant to the pertinent provisions of the Code no. 6102.

(4) Shareholders eligible to vote in general assembly meetings of publicly held corporations may further use their voting right through proxies appointed by them. However, in publicly held corporations, the shares of which are not dematerialized, votes may be used within the frame of general law provisions also through transfer of possession of bearer shares or through assignment of documents proving the possession thereof. The provisions of this paragraph shall be applicable also if and when custodians use as a proxy the voting rights associated with the shares kept in custody by them. Procedures and principles as to collection of powers of attorney through invitations and as to voting by proxy shall be determined by the Board. The provisions of article 428 of the Code no. 6102 are not applicable under this Law.

(5) General assembly meetings of joint-stock corporations the shares of which are dematerialized may be participated electronically via an electronic medium provided by CRA

### **Limit And Authorization Of Issue Of Capital Market Instruments Classified As Debt Instruments**

**Article 31 – (1)** Total amount of capital market instruments classified as debt instruments that may be issued by issuers cannot exceed a limit to be determined by the Board. The Board may designate different limits according to characteristics of issue, issued debt instruments and issuers.

**(2)** Without prejudice to provisions of the Governmental Decree in Force of Law on Public Economic Enterprises no. 233 dated 8/6/1984, and except for the limits specified in article 51 of the Law on Provincial Special Administration no. 5302 dated 22/2/2005 and in article 68 of the Municipalities Law no. 5393 dated 3/7/2005, the issue limits stipulated in other laws shall not be applied.

**(3)** Authorization to issue capital market instruments classified as debt instruments may be permanently or temporarily transferred to the board of directors by the articles of association

### **Liability Arising Out Of Public Disclosure Documents**

**Article 32 – (1)** Within the frame of provisions of article 10, the persons named as responsible in the said article, and signers of other public disclosure documents required to be issued for public disclosure purposes as determined by the Board and pursuant to the applicable laws, such as information form issued for share purchase offers, material disclosures, texts of advertisement published in mergers and split-ups, exchange quote statements, and financial reports, or legal entities in whose name these documents are signed shall be held jointly and severally liable for all kinds of damages and losses that may arise out of untrue or misleading information or omissions in such documents.

**(2)** Persons and entities who prepare and issue reports either included or referred to in public disclosure documents, such as independent audit, rating and valuation institutions, shall also be held liable as per provisions of this Law.

**(3)** Persons who prove to be incognizant of untrue or misleading information or omissions in public disclosure documents or prove that any such lack of information is not attributable to any malicious misconduct or gross negligence of them are, however, exempted from this liability.

**(4)** Should investors suffer damages and losses upon sale or purchase in the exchange immediately after the date of learning of the truth of capital market instruments purchased or sold via initial public offering or in the exchange either throughout the validity time of a prospectus containing untrue or misleading information or omissions or immediately after the date other public disclosure documents are made public, as for the claims to be raised in reliance upon this article, a causa proxima (causal link) is deemed to have been established between the public disclosure document and the loss.

**(5)** Claims relied upon untrue or misleading information or omissions in public disclosure documents are dismissed and overruled if:

**(a)** the purchase or sale of capital market instruments is not based upon the subject public disclosure document; or

**(b)** the capital market instruments are purchased or sold though such untrue or misleading information or omissions in the subject public disclosure documents are known; or

**(c)** a correction with regard to untrue or misleading information or omissions in the subject public disclosure documents is announced before the investment decision is taken or an action is taken in reliance upon the said documents; or

**(ç)** investors would suffer loss even if the information in the subject public disclosure documents were not untrue or misleading or were not omitted.



(6) Claims arising out of public disclosure documents are time-barred as of the end of six months following the date of occurrence of damages and losses mentioned in the fourth paragraph hereinabove.

(7) Agreements, provisions or statements diminishing or eliminating the liability arising out of public disclosure documents are null and void ab initio.

### **Other Joint Provisions**

**Article 33 – (1)** Companies are under obligation to inform the Board within ten business days of learning that their capital market instruments are sold to public in any manner or they have become eligible for publicly held corporation status.

(2) Amendments to articles of association of publicly held corporations are subject to prior consent of the Board.

(3) The Board may, in its sole discretion, hold any issues covered by this Law fully or partially exempted from the obligations arising out of this Law by considering miscellaneous characteristics and conditions such as size of issue, addressed investors, guarantees given, information provided about issue and issuers, quoting of relevant capital market instruments in exchange, or sales method to be employed in the course of issue.

(4) Companies which are considered and treated as a publicly held corporation due to their number of shareholders, if they do not wish to quote of their capital shares in exchange pursuant to article 16 hereof, may be excluded from this Law by a decision of the general assembly of shareholders taken by affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of full number of shareholders or of at least three-fourths of total number of votes. Thereupon, shareholders who do not use affirmative vote for the decision to be excluded from this Law shall be granted a right to depart from the company pursuant to article 24 hereinabove. Pursuant to second paragraph of article 16, controlling shareholders of companies to be excluded from publicly held company status ex officio by a decision of the Board may be held obliged to submit a share purchase offer. Procedures and principles with regard thereto shall be determined by the Board.

(5) Issuers and publicly held corporations, even if the number of their shareholders is larger than the number specified in article 16, may, ex officio or upon demand, be fully or partially exempted from the obligations arising out of this Law or be entirely excluded from this Law, depending on their balance sheet and capital size, and continuity of their activities, and eligibility for shareholders being kept limited only by persons bearing certain characteristics, and distribution of capital among shareholders, etc

## **PART III CAPITAL MARKET INSTITUTIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

### **FIRST SECTION General Provisions**

#### **Capital Market Activities**

**Article 34 – (1)** Capital market activities consist of activities of capital market institutions within the scope of this Law, and investment services and activities covered by this Law, and ancillary services associated with them

#### **Capital Market Institutions**

**Article 35 - (1)** Capital Market Institutions authorized to operate under this Law are:

- (a) Investment institutions;
- (b) Collective investment institutions;
- (c) Independent audit, valuation and rating institutions to operate in capital markets;
- (ç) Portfolio management companies;
- (d) Mortgage finance companies;
- (e) Housing finance and asset finance funds;
- (f) Asset rental companies;
- (g) Central clearing institutions;
- (h) Central custodians;
- (i) Data storage companies; and
- (k) Other capital market institutions the foundation and operation principles of which are determined by the Board

### **Joint Provisions**

**Article 36 – (1)** The provisions of article 14 hereof are applicable by analogy with respect to preparation and disclosure of financial statements and reports of capital market institutions.

**(2)** With regard to corporate governance principles, the first and second paragraphs of article 17 hereof are applicable by analogy to capital market institutions.

## **SECOND SECTION Investment Services and Activities**

### **Investment Services And Activities**

**Article 37 – (1)** Investment services and activities within the scope of this Law are:

- (a) Receipt and transmission of orders regarding capital market instruments;
- (b) Execution of orders regarding capital market instruments in the name and account of customer or in own name and in the account of customer;
- (c) Buying and selling of capital market instruments in own account;
- (d) Portfolio management;
- (e) Investment consultancy;
- (f) Acting as an intermediary in sales with underwriting in public offering of capital market instruments;

- (g) Acting as an intermediary in sales without underwriting in public offering of capital market instruments;
- (h) Operation of multilateral trading systems and organized marketplaces other than exchanges;
- (i) Custody and management of capital market instruments in the name of customer and portfolio custody services; and
- (j) Other services and activities to be determined by the Board.

### **Ancillary Services**

**Article 38 – (1)** Ancillary services that can be offered and rendered by investment institutions and portfolio management companies are as follows:

- (a) Provision of consultancy services regarding capital markets;
- (b) Lending or crediting activities and provision of foreign exchange services solely related with investment services and activities;
- (c) Investment research and financial analyses or general advice services relating to transactions on capital market instruments;
- (ç) Provision of services regarding underwriting;
- (d) Acting as an intermediary in financing through indebtedness or otherwise;
- (e) Wealth management and financial planning services; and
- (f) Other services and activities to be determined by the Board.

### **Obligation To Receive An Operating Licence**

**Article 39 – (1)** An authorization is required to be received from the Board for the sake of performance of investment services and activities as regular commercial or professional activities. Investment services and activities can be performed only by investment institutions. The law provisions pertaining to investment partnerships and portfolio management companies and exchanges are, however, reserved. The Board shall be authorized to issue regulations envisaging that each investment service and activity will be performed by separate institutions on the basis of capital market instruments or investment services and activities.

(2) Ancillary services are provided by investment institutions and portfolio management companies within the frame of principles determined by the Board, without any separate certificate of authorization therefor.

(3) The Board may further give authorization for one or more than one type of investment services and activities on the basis of capital market instruments. The Board may group the investment institutions according to types of investment services and activities and their capital structures.

(4) Applications for an operating license are resolved by the Board and the resolution is notified to the relevant persons within maximum six months following the date of delivery of all of the required documentation and deliverables to the Board.

(5) Even if authorized by their special statutes, persons and entities who do not bear the qualifications sought for in this Law and are not authorized by the Board cannot engage in investment services and activities.

- (6) The Board may impose an obligation of holding a professional liability insurance coverage for investment services and activities and ancillary services associated thereto.
- (7) The Board shall be authorized to determine procedures and principles regarding lending, borrowing and short selling of capital market instruments, and to issue regulations with regard to margin trading of capital market instruments in due consultation with the Undersecretariat of Treasury and the Turkish Central Bank.
- (8) Procedures and principles relating to performance of investment services and activities and provision of ancillary services associated thereto will be determined by the Board.
- (9) Investment services and activities listed in sub-paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (i) and (j) of article 37 of this Law may also be conducted and performed by banks as well. Investment and development banks may also provide the services listed in sub-paragraphs (d), (e), (f) and (g) of the same article. Procedures and principles regarding investment services and activities to be performed by banks pursuant to the same article shall be determined by the Board. For these services and activities, the Board may determine different procedures and principles according to characteristics of capital market instruments and in due consultation with the Banking Regulation and Supervision Agency, according to characteristics of banks.

### **Certificate Of Authorization**

**Article 40 – (1)** Those authorized by the Board for investment services and activities will be granted a certificate of authorization indicating the investment services and activities to be performed by them. A certificate of authorization may grant permission for one or more than one investment service and activity.

(2) Those who are not authorized by the Board for investment services and activities and those whose authorization is cancelled are not allowed to engage in these services and activities, nor can they use any word or phrase in their articles of association, company name or advertisements and promotional materials in such manner to give the impression that they are engaged therein.

### **Cancellation Of Certificate Of Authorization And Operating License**

**Article 41 – (1)** Without prejudice to other relevant provisions of this Law, the Board may cancel a certificate of authorization or an operating license granted under this Law upon occurrence of any one of the following events:

- (a) If the holder clearly waives from its authorization or fails to deal with any activities under the relevant authorization for a period of two years following the date of operating license; or
- (b) If an operating license is received through untrue or misleading statements or other unlawful and illegal ways; or
- (c) If the holder fails to re-satisfy the conditions and qualifications sought for an operating license by the end of three months after the Board determines that such conditions and qualifications are lost.

(2) Those whose operating license is entirely cancelled are required to take a decision of dissolution, or to amend the relevant provisions of their articles of association, including, but not limited to, company name and objectives and fields of business, so as not to cover the investment services and activities, within no later than three months

## Principles As To Financial Liability Limits And As To Employees

**Article 42 – (1)** Maximum limit of financial liability to be assumed for investment services and activities and ancillary services attached thereto, and minimum conditions and qualifications to be sought for in managers of investment institutions and in personnel to be assigned for performance of these services and activities shall be determined by the Board

## THIRD SECTION Investment Institutions

### Conditions Of Foundation Of Investment Institutions

**Article 43 – (1)** For eligibility for authorization by the Board, a brokerage house should satisfy the following conditions of foundation:

- (a) Should be organized in the form of a joint-stock company;
  - (b) All of its shares should be registered shares;
  - (c) Its shares should have been issued against cash payment;
  - ç) Its capital should not be less than the amount determined by the Board;
  - (d) Its articles of association should be in compliance with the provisions of this Law and other applicable laws and regulations;
  - (e) Its founders should bear the conditions and qualifications sought for by this Law and other applicable laws and regulations; and
  - (f) Its shareholding structure should be open and transparent.
- (2) The conditions specified in the first paragraph hereinabove are sought also for investment institutions other than banks. The Board may impose additional conditions for these institutions.
- (3) Procedures and principles regarding implementation of this article shall be determined by the Board.

### Conditions Regarding Founders

**Article 44 – (1)** A founding shareholder of a brokerage house:

- (a) Should not have been adjudged bankrupt, and not have entered into composition with its creditors, or not have been the subject matter of a court order for postponement of bankruptcy; and
- (b) Should not be one of the persons held responsible for the event underlying the sanction of cancellation of one of the operating licenses of any institution by a decision of the Board;
- (c) Should not have been sentenced for any one of the crimes listed in this Law by a final court judgment;

(d) Should not have been the subject matter of a decision of liquidation taken about itself or its partners pursuant to the Governmental Decree in Force of Law on Transactions of Bankers in Insolvency no. 35 dated 14/1/1982, and its exhibits;

(e) Even if the periods mentioned in article 53 of the Turkish Criminal Code no. 5237 dated 26/9/2004 have already elapsed, should not have been sentenced to five years or more in jail due to a wilful or malicious crime, or should not have been convicted of offences against public safety, offenses against constitutional order and modus operandi thereof, embezzlement, extortion, bribery, theft, swindling, fraud, abuse of confidence, fraudulent bankruptcy, bid rigging, conspiring in performance of obligations, prevention or impairment of information system, destruction or alteration of data, abuse of debit or credit cards, laundering of properties and revenues of crime, smuggling, tax evasion or unjustified benefit; and

(f) Should have the required financial power and the integrity, reputation and prestige required for the business.

For the purposes of this paragraph, conditions specified in sub-paragraph (a) hereinabove are not taken into consideration upon lapse of ten years following the date of finalization of the decision regarding removal or closing of bankruptcy, or approval of offer for composition with creditors, and conditions specified in sub-paragraph (b) hereinabove are not taken into consideration upon lapse of ten years following the date of finalization of the decision relating thereto.

(2) Both the legal entity founding shareholders of brokerage houses, and their partners directly or indirectly having a material effect as will be determined by the Board are required to satisfy and bear the conditions specified in the first paragraph hereinabove.

(3) Conversion of kind and amendments to articles of association of brokerage houses are subject to prior consent of the Board, and share transfers thereof are subject to prior permission of the Board, and procedures and principles with regard thereto shall be determined by the Board. Share transfers realized in breach of the regulations issued in reliance upon this paragraph are not registered in the share book, and any registrations in the share book in contradiction with this provision are null and void ab initio.

(4) Procedures and principles relating to outsourcing of services by brokerage houses as and when needed for performance of activities under this Law shall be determined by the Board.

(5) Conditions and qualifications to be sought for in founders of investment institutions other than banks shall also be determined by the Board.

### **Conditions Regarding Activities**

**Article 45 – (1)** Principles and procedures to be followed by investment institutions during performance of their obligations and investment services and activities and provision of ancillary services associated thereto shall be outlined by the Board.

(2) Managers of investment institutions are required to bear all conditions listed in first paragraph of article 44 hereinabove, except for financial power, as well as the experience and education conditions to be imposed by the Board.

(3) Investment institutions intending to trade in exchange are required to receive and hold a trading authorization from the relevant exchange.

(4) The Board shall be authorized to classify the investors with a view to determining the protection to be provided to investors during performance of investment services and activities of investment institutions.

(5) Investment institutions are under obligation to establish and employ internal control units and systems that are fit for their investment services and activities by also taking into consideration the probable risks arising out of their activities, and that protect the investors' rights and interests, and that are required for follow-up and handling of investor complaints arising out of these services and activities.

### **Security Deposit, Investors' Assets And Principles Of Use**

**Article 46 – (1)** The Board may oblige those intending to engage in investment services and activities to deposit or maintain a security deposit.

(2) Investment institutions may request investors to deposit a security deposit for margin trading of capital market instruments, and lending or short selling of capital market instruments and other investment services and activities and ancillary services associated thereto. Exchanges and clearing institutions and custodians may request a security deposit from investment institutions and investors with respect to their investment services and activities.

(3) Procedures and principles relating to type, amount, area and method of use, depositing and release of security deposits mentioned in this article shall be determined by the Board.

(4) Security deposits mentioned in this article cannot be used for non-intended purposes, or transferred or assigned to third parties, or attached or pledged or included in bankrupt's estate or restricted by injunction reliefs even for recovery of public claims and receivables.

(5) Cash funds and capital market instruments of investors held in possession of investment institutions by any means or in any manner whatsoever are traced separately from own properties of investment institutions. Said assets cannot be used by investment institutions for their own interests or in interests of third parties for non-intended purposes, without a prior explicit written consent of relevant investors.

(6) Cash funds and capital market instruments of investors held in possession of investment institutions cannot be attached, or pledged, or included in bankrupt's estate, or restricted by injunction reliefs due to debts of investment institutions, without a prior written consent of investors, even for recovery of public claims and receivables, and properties of investment institutions cannot be attached, or pledged, or included in bankrupt's estate, or restricted by injunction reliefs due to debts of investors, even for recovery of public claims and receivables.

### **Contracts Of Guarantee On Capital Market Instruments**

**Article 47 – (1)** Contracts of guarantee on capital market instruments that are dematerialized in CRA are made in writing. Title on the capital market instruments being the subject matter of these contracts of guarantee may either be transferred to beneficiary in accordance with the legal procedures or be retained by guarantor depending on the terms of contract. Should the contract remain silent on this point, title on the capital market instruments being the subject matter of the contracts of guarantee is deemed not to have passed to beneficiary.

(2) In the contracts of guarantee where the title is transferred to beneficiary, the beneficiary owns the title on the subject capital market instruments as soon as the contract of guarantee is executed, and upon transfer of the same in compliance with the legal procedures. Upon expiration or termination of the contract of guarantee, the beneficiary returns the title on the subject capital market instruments or their equivalents to the guarantor.

(3) In the contracts of guarantee where the title is retained by guarantor, the sides thereto come to mutual agreement on how to use the subject capital market instruments, also including sales thereof. Upon expiration or termination of the contract of guarantee, the beneficiary returns the title on the subject capital market instruments or if disposed, their equivalents to the guarantor.

(4) If and when the debt becomes recoverable from collaterals upon default or for other reasons envisaged in the applicable laws or in the subject contract, then and in this case, without being liable to deliver any notification

or notice, or to grant a period of time, or to receive consent or approval from any juridical or administrative authority, or to satisfy any condition precedent such as realization of collaterals through public auction or any other way:

(a) In the contracts of guarantee where the title is transferred to beneficiary, the beneficiary shall, unless otherwise specified in the contract between the sides, have the right to sell out the subject capital market instruments at a price not less than the then-current value of them in exchange or other organized markets if they are listed and quoted therein, and to recover its receivables and claims from the proceeds of sale or to set off the value of these instruments from the debtor's outstanding debts and obligations.

(b) In the contracts of guarantee where the title is retained by guarantor, the beneficiary shall have the right to sell out the subject capital market instruments at a price not less than the then-current value of them in exchange or other organized markets if they are listed and quoted therein, and to recover its receivables and claims from the proceeds of sale or to acquire the title and set off the value of these instruments from the debtor's outstanding debts and obligations. In order for the beneficiary to acquire the title of the subject capital market instruments as stated above, in the contract of guarantee between the sides, it should have been clearly specified that this right may be used, and if the capital market instruments are not listed and quoted in exchange or other organized markets, the method of valuation should have been clearly specified therein.

(c) For use of the rights arising out of default in implementation of paragraphs (a) and (b), the highest value current as of the date of maturity is taken as a basis for the subject capital market instruments listed and quoted in exchange or other organized markets. Balance remaining after repayment of debts through use of such rights by the beneficiary shall be refunded to the guarantor.

(5) Should the beneficiary or guarantor be the subject matter of a decision of liquidation or a decision of restructuring of properties or any other similar decisions taken by juridical or administrative authorities, neither the capital market instruments standing as collaterals, nor the rights of beneficiary and guarantor will be affected from such decision, and all of these rights will be valid and enforceable also against the restructuring or liquidation authorities. This provision is valid and applicable also for the transactions carried out in the same day after any of the said decisions is taken, providing that the collateral is given prior to the said decision and the beneficiary is acting in good faith.

(6) The provisions of this article are not applicable on the contracts of guarantee and the clauses of guarantee the provisions and results of which are regulated and governed by special statutes pertaining thereto.

## **FOURTH SECTION**

### **Collective Investment Institutions**

#### **Investment Partnerships**

**Article 48 – (1)** Investment partnerships are joint-stock companies with fixed or variable capital, established to issue their capital shares and to operate portfolios comprising capital market instruments, real estates, venture capital investments and other assets and rights to be determined by the Board.

(2) Procedures and principles relating to foundation and founders of investment partnerships, conversion of joint-stock companies into investment partnerships, expulsion from investment partnership status, minimum free float rate, principles of activities, types and transfer of shares, prospectus and publishing of prospectus, valuation of assets and rights contained in portfolio, custody of assets, portfolio limitations, management principles, capital increases and reductions, issue of preferential shares, profit distribution and repurchase of own shares, liquidation and dissolution, and other obligations of investment partnerships shall be determined by the Board.

(3) Amendments to articles of association of investment partnerships are subject to prior consent of the Board.



(4) Procedures and principles relating to the issue of preferential shares of investment partnerships shall be determined by Board. The paragraph two of the article 479 and the article 360 of the Law numbered 6102 do not apply to the issue of shares, by investment partnerships, granting privilege in votes and representation in the board of directors for certain groups.

### **Conditions Of Foundation And Activities Of Investment Partnerships**

**Article 49 – (1)** Investment partnerships are permitted to be founded only if and when:

- (a) They are founded as a joint-stock company subject to registered capital system;
- (b) Their initial capital is not less than the threshold determined by the Board;
- (c) Their shares are issued against cash payment, and are fully paid in cash at the time of foundation;
- (d) Their company name contains the “Investment Partnership” words;
- (e) Their articles of association is prepared in compliance with provisions of this Law and other pertinent regulations;
- (f) An institution authorized by the Board is appointed as portfolio custodian; and
- (g) They satisfy and bear other qualifications to be determined by the Board.

The provisions pertaining to variable capital investment partnerships are, however, reserved.

(2) The provisions of article 44, and second paragraph of article 45, and article 42 hereof are applicable by analogy on respectively founders, managers and employees of investment partnerships.

(3) Conditions relating to foundation of investment partnerships are sought for also in conversion into an investment partnership.

(4) Investment partnerships may purchase services from a portfolio management company, providing that their articles of association contains a clause in connection therewith and they receive prior consent of the Board.

(5) In foundation and capital increase of real estate investment trusts, the assets deemed eligible by the Board for inclusion in portfolio may be injected as capital in kind. Procedures and principles relating to valuation of these assets shall be determined by the Board. Real estate investment trusts may offer the shares to be issued against capital in kind to public within the frame of principles determined by the Board.

(6) In wholesale of assets of real estate investment trusts up to a maximum amount to be determined by the Board, the provisions of sub-paragraph (f) of second paragraph of article 408 of the Code no. 6102 and of article 23 of this Law are not applicable

### **Variable Capital Investment Partnerships**

**Article 50 – (1)** Variable capital investment partnerships are investment partnerships the capital of which is at all times equal to their net asset value. Net asset value is equal to total assets minus total liabilities.

(2) Shares of a variable capital investment partnership consist of investor shares and founders' shares which are not required to be written to name. Shares of variable capital investment partnerships do not have a nominal value. Founders' shares are allocated to those who found a variable capital investment partnership by fulfilling the capital subscriptions. Founders' shares may be issued also after foundation for allocation to existing founding

shareholders or to third parties, by a decision of general assembly of shareholders and with a prior consent of the Board. Transfer and redemption of founders' shares are subject to a prior consent of the Board within the frame of principles to be determined by the Board. Transfers of founders' shares affected without a consent of the Board cannot be registered in the share book, and any registrations in the share book in contradiction with this provision are null and void ab initio. Investor shares do not grant any administrative rights to their holders.

(3) Variable capital investment partnerships issue shares and redeem the issued shares in accordance with the provisions of this Law. Variable capital investment partnerships are under obligation to redeem shares and to repay the price of shares corresponding thereto in the company capital upon demand of relevant shareholders. Procedures and principles relating to redemption of shares will be dealt with in the articles of association.

(4) In the event that the value of founders' shares of a variable capital investment partnership falls below the thresholds determined by the Board or its financial condition weakens to the extent that it cannot repay its debts, then the board of directors will immediately inform the Board without delay. Following this notification, the board of directors promptly calls the general assembly of shareholders for a meeting so as to take the necessary measures, and the general assembly of shareholders meets within maximum thirty days. If the value of founders' shares cannot be raised to the specified thresholds or the financial condition cannot be reinforced, the Board is authorized to take all kinds of measures, including, but not limited to, liquidation, about the variable capital investment partnerships.

(5) Investment partnerships may be converted into variable capital investment partnerships. Principles relating to the said conversion procedure, the meeting and decision quorums of general assembly of shareholders with regard to conversion, share purchase offers to be made to shareholders upon conversion, and determination of bid price, and protection of rights and maintenance of obligations of existing shareholders, and other matters pertaining thereto shall be determined by the Board.

(6) Procedures and principles relating to principles of operation and management of variable capital investment partnerships, valuation of assets and rights contained in their portfolio, custody of assets, portfolio limitations, prospectus and publishing of prospectus, and issue, sales, redemption or suspension of redemption of shares, and dissolution, termination and liquidation thereof shall be determined by the Board.

### **Provisions Non-Applicable On Variable Capital Investment Partnerships**

**Article 51 – (1)** Provisions of the Code no. 6102 pertaining to share capital in joint-stock companies, minimum capital amount, minimum contents of articles of association, capital in kind subscriptions, nominal value, acquisition of own shares by company or acceptance of own shares as pledge, capital increase and reduction procedures, share subscriptions and payment of them, restrictions on transfer of shares, profit & loss account and profit distribution, reserve funds and liquidation thereof are not applicable on variable capital investment partnerships.

### **Investment Funds**

**Article 52 – (1)** Investment fund refers to and stands for a trust, with no legal personality, established under a fund bylaws by portfolio management companies for operation of portfolio or portfolios comprising the money or other assets collected from savers against fund participation units or other assets and rights determined by the Board, in the account of savers, according to fiduciary ownership principles and pursuant to the provisions of this Law.

(2) In order to be eligible for a foundation license, the founder of an investment fund must have contracted an institution authorized by the Board for portfolio custody services, and the fund bylaws must have been approved by the Board. An application for foundation of an investment is concluded and the result is notified to the relevant persons by the Board within two months following the date of submission of all of the required documents and submittals to the Board.

(3) Portfolio management company represents, manages or supervises the management of, the fund so as to protect the rights of the investment fund participation unit holders. Portfolio management company is authorized

to take actions on, and dispose of, and use the rights related to, assets of the investment fund in its own name and in the account of the fund in accordance with the applicable laws and the fund bylaws.

(4) Relations between portfolio management company and participation unit holders shall be governed by this Law, the applicable laws and the fund bylaws, and on matters on which this Law, the applicable laws and the fund bylaws remain silent, the provisions of articles 502 to 514 of the Turkish Code of Obligations no. 6098 dated 11/01/2011 shall be applicable by analogy.

(5) Fund is deemed to have legal personality solely with respect to registration in land registry files. Accordingly, real estates, real estate-based rights in kind and real estate-based deeds included in the investment fund portfolio are registered in the land registry files in the name of the fund. Transactions to be effected in the land registry in the name of the fund shall be signed jointly by duly authorized officers of portfolio management company and portfolio custodian.

(6) In due consultation with the Turkish Central Bank and the Undersecretariat of Treasury, the Board may permit the trading of fund participation units in foreign currencies the daily trading exchange rates of which are published by the Turkish Central Bank

### **Seperability Of Fund Properties**

**Article 53 – (1)** The fund properties are separate and independent from properties of portfolio management company and portfolio custodian.

(2) The fund properties cannot be pledged or shown as collateral, except for borrowing in the account of the fund, transactions on derivative instruments, short selling or similar other transactions entered into in the name of the fund, providing that it is duly permitted by fund bylaws. Even if management or supervision of portfolio management company and portfolio custodian is transferred to public authorities, the fund properties cannot be used or disposed of for non-intended purposes, and cannot be attached, or restricted by injunction reliefs, or included in bankrupt's estate for any reason whatsoever, including the collection of public receivables.

(3) In the case of liquidation of fund properties, payments may be made only to the fund participation unit holders.

(4) Debts and obligations of portfolio management companies to third parties and receivables and claims of investment funds from the same third parties cannot be set off against each other.

### **Other Powers Vested In The Board With Respect Of Investment Funds**

**Article 54 – (1)** The Board determines the procedures and principles relating to:

(a) Foundation of a fund, assets which can be included in portfolios by different types of funds, portfolio limitations, valuation principles, determination and distribution of fund profits, principles of management and activities of fund, and merger, conversion, dissolution, termination and liquidation of fund; and

(b) Execution, scope, amendment, registration and announcement of fund bylaws and fund management and custody agreements, and value of fund participation units, and calculation and announcement of issue and repurchase prices, trading principles, fund management and custody fees; and

(c) Issue of fund participation units; and

(d) Prospectus and other public disclosure obligations of the fund.

## Portfolio Management Company

**Article 55 – (1)** Portfolio management company is a joint-stock company the main field of business of which consists of foundation and management of investment funds. A prior consent of the Board is required for foundation and activation of a portfolio management company. Procedures and principles relating thereto shall be outlined by the Board. Applications for foundation of portfolio management companies are concluded and the result is notified to the relevant persons by the Board within six months following the date of submission of all of the required documents and submittals to the Board.

**(2)** The provisions of article 43, and article 44, and second paragraph of article 45, and article 42 hereof are applicable by analogy on respectively foundation, founders, managers and employees of portfolio management companies.

**(3)** Assets, eligible for custody services, included in portfolios of persons and entities being clients of portfolio management companies are kept in custody by portfolio custodians within the frame of principles to be determined by the Board.

**(4)** Procedures and principles relating to partners of portfolio management companies, transfer of shares, minimum capital and capital adequacy, foundation and management of investment funds, engagement in portfolio management and investment consultancy activities in addition to their main fields of business, and other capital market activities they can deal with, and obligation to deposit collaterals for their activities shall be determined by the Board. Collaterals deposited by portfolio management companies cannot be pledged; or attached even for recovery of public receivables; or disposed of for any purpose other than the purposes of foundation; or transferred to third parties; or included in bankrupt's estate; or restricted by injunction reliefs.

**(5)** A prior consent of the Board is required to be obtained in conversions of and in amendments to articles of association of portfolio management companies.

**(6)** In the course of their activities, portfolio management companies are liable to protect the interests of funds under their management, and the relevant fund participation unit holders and other customers.

## Portfolio Custody Services And Relevant Liabilities

**Article 56 – (1)** Assets included in portfolios of collective investment institutions are delivered to portfolio custodian for keeping in a separate custody account opened in the name of the institution. Portfolio custody services aim to assure:

**(a)** The compliance of transactions of issue and redemption of fund participation units in the account of investment funds with provisions of the applicable laws and the fund bylaws; and

**(b)** The compliance of transactions of issue and redemption of shares of variable capital investment partnerships with provisions of the applicable laws and the fund bylaws; and

**(c)** That values per fund participation units or shares of investment funds or variable capital investment partnerships are calculated in accordance with the valuation principles set forth within the frame of pertinent provisions of the applicable laws and fund bylaws or articles of association; and

**(d)** That instructions of portfolio management company, variable capital investment partnership and investment fund are fulfilled and performed, providing they are not in contradiction with pertinent provisions of the applicable laws and fund bylaws or articles of association; and

**(e)** That prices for obligations arising out of transactions with respect to assets of collective investment institutions are transferred and deposited in an appropriate time; and

(f) That income of collective investment institutions is used and spent in accordance with pertinent provisions of the applicable laws and fund bylaws or articles of association; and

(g) The compliance of trading of assets by, and portfolio structures and transactions of, collective investment institutions with pertinent provisions of the applicable laws and fund bylaws or articles of association.

(2) An institution providing portfolio custody services under this article shall be held liable for all kinds of damages and losses incurred by portfolio management company and fund participation unit holders as for investment funds, and by the partnership itself as for investment partnerships, due to its failure in performance of its obligations.

(3) Portfolio management company or investment partnership is liable to claim portfolio custodian, and portfolio custodian is liable to claim portfolio management company or investment partnership, to indemnify their damages and losses caused by breach of provisions of this Law. The rights of action of shareholders or fund participation unit holders are, however, reserved.

(4) A portfolio custodian may keep all or some of the assets under its custody in other portfolio custodians, whereupon all institutions providing portfolio custody services are held responsible and liable jointly and severally.

(5) The Board may require that certain assets, deemed fit and convenient, included in portfolios of collective investment institutions are traced in accounts opened in central custody or central clearing institution in the name of the relevant collective investment institution. The obligations of portfolio custodian will, however, remain in force and in effect also thereupon.

(6) Portfolio custodian and portfolio management company cannot be the same legal entity. In performing their duties and obligations as portfolio custodian and portfolio management company, they are under obligation to act independently and only in the interests of the fund participation unit holders.

(7) Managers, executives and authorized signatories of portfolio custodian and investment institution acting as an intermediary in trading of assets for fund portfolio cannot be a partner, manager or representative in portfolio management company. Partners, managers, executives and authorized signatories of portfolio management company cannot be a manager or representative in portfolio custodian.

(8) The Board may determine different principles for custody services or may bring an exemption from custody, depending upon the characteristics of assets included in the fund portfolio, issuers, investors addressed by the issue, capital structures and shareholdings of portfolio management companies and investment partnerships, and characteristics of issue.

(9) Procedures and principles relating to characteristics of institutions providing portfolio custody services and the conduct of such activities shall be determined by the Board.

## FIFTH SECTION

### House and Asset Finance and Mortgage Finance Companies

#### House And Asset Finance

**Article 57 – (1)** House finance refers to lending of credit facilities to consumers for buying a house, and leasing of house to consumers through financial lease, and lending of loans to consumers under security of houses they already own, and lending of loans for refinancing of these credit facilities. Transactions based on or under security of these loans and receivables of house finance companies, house finance funds and mortgage fund companies are also in the scope hereof.

- (2) House finance companies are banks which directly lend credit facilities to consumers or make financial leasing for house financing purposes, and financial leasing companies and finance companies deemed eligible and fit for house financing activities by the Banking Regulatory and Supervisory Board.
- (3) House finance companies are required to determine the house acquisition purpose with sufficient information and documents, and to secure the credit facility made available or the financial leasing by mortgage or other collaterals and guarantees deemed fit and convenient by the Board.
- (4) Asset finance is the issue of capital market instruments based on assets deemed fit and convenient by the Board, also including those covered by house finance.
- (5) At each stage of house and asset finance, the Board may require a valuation by valuation institutions bearing the qualifications determined by the Board.
- (6) The Undersecretariat of Treasury is authorized to determine procedures and principles relating to insurance agreements with regard to house and asset finance, while the Ministry of Customs and Trade is authorized to determine procedures and principles relating to refinancing of credits made available to or receivables from consumers as a part of house finance and asset finance.

### **Housing And Asset Finance Funds**

**Article 58 – (1)** Housing finance fund is a trust, with no legal personality, established under a fund bylaws for operation according to fiduciary ownership principles, with the moneys collected against mortgage backed securities in the account of holders of mortgage backed securities, while asset finance fund is a trust, with no legal personality, established under a fund bylaws for operation according to fiduciary ownership principles, with the moneys collected against asset based securities in the account of holders of asset based securities. Mortgage backed and asset based securities are capital market instruments issued under the security of assets included in portfolios of the relevant funds or mortgage finance companies.

- (2) The properties of a fund covered by this article cannot be pledged or shown as collateral, except for borrowing in the account of the fund, transactions on derivative instruments, short selling or similar other transactions entered into in the name of the fund, providing that it is duly permitted by fund bylaws. Properties of fund are separate from properties of fund founder, fund service providers and those who transfer their assets or receivables to fund portfolio. Even if management or supervision of fund founder, fund service providers and those who transfer their assets or receivables to fund portfolio is transferred to public authorities, the fund properties cannot, until the date of redemption of mortgage backed or asset based securities, be used or disposed of for non-intended purposes, and be attached, or restricted by injunction reliefs, or included in bankrupt's estate for any reason whatsoever, including the collection of public receivables.
- (3) Fund board represents and manages the fund in such manner to protect the interests of holders of mortgage backed or asset based securities. Fund board is responsible for accuracy of records relating to assets included in the fund portfolio, and for protection and custody of these assets.
- (4) Relations between founder, and fund board, and holders of issued mortgage backed or asset based securities shall be governed by this Law, the applicable laws and the fund bylaws, and on matters on which this Law, the applicable laws and the fund bylaws remain silent, the provisions of articles 502 to 514 of the Turkish Code of Obligations no. 6098 dated 11/01/2011 shall be applicable by analogy.
- (5) If and when an asset secured by a mortgage is included in the fund portfolio, it is recorded in the 'statements' section of the relevant registry that this asset is transferred to the fund. Thereupon, the Board may require that the mortgage or title is registered in the relevant registry in the name of the fund.
- (6) Procedures and principles relating to foundation, founders, conditions of activities, management and termination and dissolution of fund and issue of mortgage backed or asset based securities shall be determined by the Board.

(7) Mortgage finance companies may issue mortgage backed or asset based capital market instruments without establishing a housing or asset finance fund. Procedures and principles relating to such issue shall be determined by the Board.

### **Mortgage- And Asset-Backed Securities**

**Article 59 – (1)** Mortgage- and asset-backed securities are capital market instruments which constitute a general obligation of issuers and are issued under security of collaterals.

(2) Issuers are under obligation to trace the assets standing as a collateral of mortgage- and asset-backed securities separately from their other assets. The Board may require that records relating to the collateral assets are kept not only by the issuer, but also by a separate institution.

(3) Even if management or supervision of the issuer is transferred to public authorities, the collateral assets cannot, until the date of redemption of mortgage- and asset-backed securities, be used or disposed of for non-intended purposes, or pledged or otherwise shown as a guarantee, or attached, or restricted by injunction reliefs, or included in bankrupt's estate for any reason whatsoever, including the collection of public receivables.

(4) In the event that the issuer fails to perform its obligations arising out of mortgage- and asset-backed securities on due dates thereof, or its management or supervision is transferred to public authorities, or its operating license is withdrawn, or it is adjudged bankrupt, then the income of collateral assets will first be used for payments to holders of mortgage- and asset-backed securities and to counterparties of contracts entered into for hedging of collateral assets. If and to the extent their receivables are not recoverable by collateral assets, the holders of mortgage- and asset-backed securities and counterparties of contracts entered into for hedging of collateral assets may have recourse to other properties and assets of the issuer.

(5) Procedures and principles relating to issuers, issue, issue limits, and conditions of issue of mortgage- and asset-backed securities, and types and characteristics of collateral assets, and consistency between mortgage- and asset-backed securities and collateral assets, and keeping of records for collateral assets, and characteristics and responsibilities of collateral responsible, and if payment is made to YTM (Investor Indemnification Center) out of collateral assets in consideration of its services, the calculation of such payment, as well as other points relating to mortgage- and asset-backed securities shall be determined by the Board.

### **Mortgage Finance Companies**

**Article 60 – (1)** Mortgage finance companies are joint-stock companies established for taking over of assets the types and characteristics of which are determined by the Board as a requirement of housing and asset finance, and transfer of the same, and management of taken over assets, and acceptance of assets as collateral, and performance of other activities deemed fit by the Board.

(2) Capital of a mortgage finance company must have been paid in cash free from any simulation, and must not be less than the threshold determined by the Board, and its founders and the holders of shares directly or indirectly corresponding to ten percent or more of its capital shares or voting rights are required to bear and satisfy the qualifications sought for in bank founding partners pursuant to the Law no. 5411.

(3) If and when funding sources are obtained from mortgage finance companies by showing the assets mentioned in the first paragraph hereof as collateral, even if management or supervision of the company from whom funding sources are obtained is transferred to public authorities, the collateral assets cannot be used or disposed of for non-intended purposes, or pledged or otherwise shown as a guarantee, or attached by third parties, or restricted by injunction reliefs, or included in bankrupt's estate. The Board may require that records of the assets shown as guarantee are also kept by a separate institution.

(4) Assets accepted as a collateral pursuant to the first paragraph hereof may also be accepted as collateral for mortgage- and asset-backed securities to be issued pursuant to article 59 hereinabove. The issue will be arranged and composed so as to ensure that the mortgage- and asset-backed securities remain under general obligations of the institution from whom funding sources are obtained.

(5) Procedures and principles relating to foundation, founders, partners, management and organization chart, principles of activities, and principles of operating license of mortgage finance companies, and issue of mortgage-backed capital market instruments and other obligations to be imposed thereon shall be determined by the Board.

### **Lease Certificate And Asset Rental Companies**

**Article 61 – (1)** Lease certificates are a type of capital market instruments, with characteristics and specifications determined by the Board, which are issued by asset rental companies for financing of all kinds of assets or rights, and which enable their holders to get a share from the proceeds of these assets or rights in proportion to their ownership shares. Procedures and principles relating to issue and sales of lease certificates shall be set down by the Board.

(2) Asset rental companies are joint-stock companies established solely to issue lease certificates.

(3) An asset rental company cannot deal with any commercial activity other than the activities specifically listed in its articles of association issued with prior consent of the Board, and cannot establish any right in rem on its assets and rights in favour of third parties, except for those explicitly permitted in its articles of association, and cannot lease or transfer the same contrary to the interests of holders of lease certificates. Even if management or supervision of the issuer is transferred to public authorities, the assets and rights included in portfolio of an asset rental company cannot, until the date of redemption of lease certificates, be used or disposed of for non-collateral purposes, or pledged or otherwise shown as a guarantee, or attached, or restricted by injunction reliefs, or included in bankrupt's estate for any reason whatsoever, including the collection of public receivables.

(4) In the event that the issuer fails to perform its obligations arising out of lease certificates on due dates thereof, or its management or supervision is transferred to public authorities, or its operating license is withdrawn, or it is adjudged bankrupt, then the income of assets included in its portfolio will first be used for payments to holders of lease certificates. Thereupon, the Board is authorized to take all kinds of precautions and measures for protection of rights and interests of holders of lease certificates.

(5) Procedures and principles relating to foundation, articles of association, and principles of activities of asset rental companies, and types and characteristics of assets and rights they may take over, and keeping of records thereof, and management principles, termination, dissolution and liquidation of them, and if payment is made to YTM (Investor Indemnification Center) out of assets included in portfolio of asset rental company in consideration of its services, the calculation of such payment shall be determined by the Board.

## **SIXTH SECTION**

### **Independent Audit, Rating and Valuation Companies**

#### **Principles Of Activities**

**Article 62 – (1)** Additional conditions and qualifications to be sought for in independent audit firms authorized by the Public Supervision, Accounting and Audit Standards Authority, which intend to engage in independent audit activities pursuant to this Law, shall be determined by the Board, and the list of independent audit firms satisfying these conditions and qualifications is made public. The Board shall be authorized to exclude from the list the independent audit firms detected to have breached the standards and applicable laws as a result of quality control and audit works to be conducted by the Board with regard to independent audit activities covered by this Law. The Board will report the results of its quality control and audit works to the Public Supervision, Accounting and Audit Standards Authority.



(2) The Board will issue regulations and make supervision and audit with a view to ensuring that the information systems audit, rating and valuation activities of companies governed by the provisions of this Law are carried out safely and independently, and to this end, quality assurance systems are established, and international standards are complied with for the sake of public benefits. Procedures and principles relating to authorization of these companies, and licensing of their managers and employees, and registry information about these companies, and disclosure of such information to public shall be determined by the Board.

### **Liability**

**Article 63 – (1)** Independent audit firms are held liable, together with signatories, for their report, for all kinds of damages and losses caused by non-audit of financial statements and reports in compliance with the applicable laws and regulations, solely to the extent of scope of their duties. Independent audit firms and rating and valuation companies shall be held liable for all kinds of damages and losses caused by untrue or misleading information or omissions in the reports issued as a result of their activities.

### **Obligations**

**Article 64 – (1)** Independent audit firms and independent auditors performing an audit of financial statements in an investment institution or a collective investment institution or any other duty or assignment determined pursuant to this Law and other applicable laws and regulations shall, in the course of performance of their duties and assignments in the subject company or in companies affiliated thereto in capital and management terms, be liable to immediately report to the Board all and any events:

- (a) which breach the provisions of this Law and other applicable laws and regulations pertaining to authorization and conditions of activities; or
- (b) which may preclude the company from carrying out its activities regularly and continuously; or
- (c) which require expression of a negative opinion or refraining from opining.

(2) Reports and notifications to be submitted by independent audit companies to the Board as per this article shall not construe as a breach of the laws or agreements pertaining to disclosure of information, nor shall they lead to any civil or criminal liability of the disclosing persons.

## **PART FOUR Exchanges, Association of Capital Markets of Turkey, and Other Institutions in Capital Markets**

### **FIRST SECTION Exchanges**

#### **Exchanges And Market Operators**

**Article 65 – (1)** Foundation of exchanges and market operators is permitted by a decree of the Council of Ministers with a prior consent of the Board, and activation of these institutions is subject to permission of the Board.

(2) For eligibility for authorization by the Board, exchanges and market operators should satisfy the following conditions of foundation:

- (a) It should be organized in the form of a joint-stock company,

- (b) All of its shares should be registered shares,
  - (c) Its shares should have been issued against cash payment,
  - (d) Its capital should not be less than the amount determined by the Board,
  - (e) Its founders or its partners directly or indirectly having a substantial effect on the relevant exchange or market operator should bear the conditions and qualifications sought for in article 44 hereof,
  - (f) Its articles of association should be in compliance with the provisions of this Law and other applicable laws and regulations.
- (3) Applications for foundation and operating licenses may be filed by exchange or market operator or by market operator acting for and on behalf of exchange. In permitting the foundation of exchanges and market operators, the general situation of domestic and foreign financial markets and the systemic risk factors shall be taken into consideration.
- (4) An exchange permitted to be founded is required to apply for an operating license to the Board within no later than one year following the date of foundation permit. Applications for an operating license are resolved by the Board and the resolution is notified to the relevant persons within maximum six months following the date of delivery of all of the required documentation and deliverables to the Board. If an institution fails to apply to the Board for an operating license within one year following the date of foundation permit or its application for an operating license is refused, the foundation permit thereof will be cancelled. This period may be extended by one year by the Board in the case of force majeure events or in the case of failure in application due to reasons not attributable to the institution. In cancellation of operating license granted by the Board, the provisions of article 41 hereof shall be applicable.
- (5) Exchanges may enter into contract with one or more than one market operator for operation and/or management of markets. This contract is ineffective without a prior consent of the Board. Upon approval by the Board, the market operators start to use the rights of the exchange within the frame of their contract signed with the exchange and start to perform the obligations arising out of this Law and the applicable laws and regulations for and on behalf of the exchange.
- (6) Managers of exchanges or market operators are required to bear all conditions listed in first paragraph of article 44, except for financial power, as well as the experience and education conditions to be imposed by the Board. In the case of a change in managers or executives of exchanges or market operators, such change is immediately reported to the Board. If, during performance of their duties, managers or executives of exchanges or market operators are detected not to bear the conditions and qualifications sought for by this Law or the applicable laws and regulations or lose these qualifications, the Board requires them to resign, and this requirement is fulfilled by the exchange bodies authorized to appoint the same.
- (7) Amendments to articles of association, transfers of shares, or all kinds of transactions which directly or indirectly lead to a change of control even in absence of a transfer of shares, with respect to exchanges or market operators, are subject to prior consent of the Board. Any amendments to articles of association, transfer of shares or other transactions leading to change of control, which are not approved by the Board, do not become administratively effective on the exchange or market operator. Transfers of shares breaching these provisions cannot be registered in the share book, and any registrations in the share book in contradiction with this provision are null and void ab initio. Procedures and principles relating to implementation of this paragraph shall be outlined by the Board.
- (8) Exchanges determine the procedures and principles required to regularly and effectively check and monitor the compliance with exchange rules and to prevent probable breaches thereof by capital market institutions operating in the markets within their own organization, and issuers the capital market instruments of which are listed and traded in the exchange, and persons or entities giving orders or transacting therein. In the case of breach of their rules by gross negligence or malicious misconduct, the exchanges report such breach to the Board.

(9) Without prejudice to the provisions of this Law, principles and procedures relating to foundation of exchanges, their capital structures and shareholdings, exchange activities that may be conducted as per this Law, and audit of such activities, or permanent or temporary suspension of their activities, and market operators will be regulated by a regulation to be enacted by the Board. Said points may further be dealt with in a regulation to be prepared by the relevant exchange and approved by the Board.

(10) Without prejudice to the provisions of this Law, exchanges are governed by private law provisions, and they independently perform their duties and obligations and use their powers vested in by this Law under their own responsibility. Exchanges determine and regulate their budgets and staff positions themselves through their bodies and organs named in their articles of association. Exchanges and their affiliates and subsidiaries and market operators cannot be held subject to the laws, regulations, restrictions and practices regarding public administration or publicly funded companies, businesses, enterprise or undertakings in administrative and financial issues.

(11) Lawsuits brought forward against exchanges are in the jurisdiction of judicial courts. Labour courts have jurisdiction in subject matter in disputes between exchanges and their employees employed under the Labour Act no. 4857 dated 22/5/2003.

(12) Any investigation that may be opened against president and members of board of directors and top management of an exchange due to their activities covered by this Law is subject to prior written permission of the Board

### **Other Organized Marketplaces**

**Article 66 – (1)** Principles and procedures relating to foundation, authorization and capital of, and capital market instruments to be traded in, and conditions of competition in, and operating principles and reference terms of alternative operational systems, multilateral trading platforms and other organized markets which bring together buyers and sellers of capital market instruments, and act as an intermediary in trading of capital market instruments, and create and operate systems and platforms therein for, other bank exchanges, are regulated by regulations to be enacted by the Board. The Board is the supervision and audit authority of them.

### **Principles On Exchange Operations**

**Article 67 – (1)** In order to ensure that capital market instruments, foreign exchange, precious metals and precious stones, and other contracts, instruments and assets deemed fit by the Board are traded in a reliable, transparent, effective, stabilized, fair and competitive atmosphere, the principles and procedures relating to:

- (a) Listing, delisting, and trading in exchange, and suspension of trading in exchange;
- (b) Transmission and matching of orders;
- (c) Timely performance of obligations regarding the transactions affected;
- (d) Granting of authorization to trade in the exchange;
- (e) Management of disciplinary acts and regulations;
- (f) Exchange income and their collection;
- (g) Resolution of disputes;
- (h) Prevention of probable conflicts of interest between exchange, exchange's shareholders and/or market operator;

- (i) Operating, audit and supervision systems of exchanges; and
  - (j) Market making, operation and management are regulated by regulations to be prepared by the relevant exchange and approved by the Board.
- (2) Except for exchanges where the relevant derivatives are traded:
- (a) the Treasury Undersecretariat is consulted for regulations containing the principles of granting of authorization to trade in exchanges where foreign exchange, precious metals and precious stones are traded, as well as the obligations and duties of authorized persons or entities; and
  - (b) the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources and the Energy Market Regulatory Agency are consulted for regulations containing the principles of granting of authorization to trade in exchanges where energy products are traded, as well as the obligations and duties of authorized persons or entities.
- (3) Exchanges are authorized and liable to issue and implement regulations with regard to performance of powers and duties vested in them by this Law and other applicable laws and regulations, and to audit and check whether the entities and institutions governed by such regulations are acting in compliance with the regulations or not, and whether the information submitted to them are true or not.

### **Quotation In Exchange**

**Article 68 – (1)** Capital market instruments may be listed only if and when the conditions stipulated in the regulations enacted and issued in reliance upon this Law are satisfied and met.

- (2) Exchanges issue regulations and take actions aimed at ensuring that the issuers of capital market instruments listed therein perform their public disclosure duties and obligations. Exchanges are under obligation to abide by the rules determined by the Board with regard to access to the information to be made public.
- (3) Exchanges and market operators take actions required to regularly review and check whether the listed capital market instruments comply with the listing conditions or not.
- (4) A capital market instrument listed in an exchange may also be listed in another exchange within the frame of provisions of this Law and other applicable laws and regulations.

### **Suspension of Trading, And Delisting**

**Article 69 – (1)** Exchange or market operator may suspend the trading of or may delist a capital market instrument upon occurrence of events or satisfaction of conditions specified in its regulations and bylaws. This is immediately reported to the Board and made public.

- (2) The Board, however, reserves its right to suspend the trading of and delist capital market instruments.

### **Resolution of Disputes, And Supervision of Exchange Trading Transactions**

**Article 70 – (1)** Procedures and principles relating to resolution of disputes between investment institutions themselves or between investment institutions and their customers with respect to exchange trading transactions mentioned in sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) of first paragraph of article 67 hereinabove shall be set down by the exchange board of directors. Should the amount specified in the said decisions of board of directors be above the amount mentioned in fifth paragraph of article 84 herein below, an objection may be filed to the Board against such decisions.

(2) Exchanges establish an in-house supervision system and take all kinds of preventive actions as required in order to ensure that all trading transactions are executed reliably, transparently, efficiently, consistently, fairly, honestly and in a competitive atmosphere, and to detect any violations of this Law. Exchanges further assume and perform other duties and obligations that may be vested in them by the Board with regard to supervision.

(3) Exchanges may perform their duties and obligations arising out of the preceding second paragraph through outsourcing. The activities mentioned in the second paragraph should also be included among the fields of business of the service providers. Principles relating to activities and audit of these service providers shall be outlined by the Board. These companies may offer services either to a single exchange or to more than one exchange. Outsourcing of certain services as above does not relieve the exchanges from their liabilities relating to their duties.

### Cooperation

**Article 71 – (1)** If and when deemed necessary with regard to exchange activities, the exchanges shall be authorized to request information and documents and to audit and inspect the capital market institutions operating in the markets within their own organization, and issuers the capital market instruments of which are listed and traded in the exchange, and founders, and persons or entities giving orders or transacting therein. The parties from whom information and documents are requested cannot refrain from giving information in reliance upon the confidentiality and secrecy obligations arising out of their special statutes with respect to their fields of business.

(2) With the intention of prevention, supervision or audit of the offences set down in this Law and the market disruptive acts, and with a view to ensuring that the regulations associated with this Law are effectively implemented, and within the frame of procedures and principles determined by the Board, exchanges and other associated institutions are under obligation to exchange all kinds of technical support, assistance and information as and when required. As a part of their supervision and audit activities, the exchanges are authorized to enter into any kind of cooperation and exchange of information with foreign exchanges and international organizations on reciprocity basis. Acts committed as stated above cannot be considered and treated as a breach of confidentiality and secrecy obligations and rules set down in this Law and other laws pertaining hereto.

### Financial And Information Systems Audit of Exchanges And Market Operators

**Article 72 – (1)** The Board is the regulatory, supervisory and audit authority of all exchange activities of the exchanges and market operators. Accordingly, the Board may request the exchanges and market operators and other related entities and organizations to take all kinds of actions and to give or regularly send all and any information and documents and to give all kinds of technical support if and to the extent required.

(2) Exchanges and market operators are financially audited by independent audit firms included in the list published by the Board.

(3) Procedures and principles as to information systems audit of exchanges and market operators and as to firms authorized for such audit shall be regulated by the Board.

### Other Provisions

**Article 73 – (1)** Exchanges are required to take actions and measures required for safe management of their systems. Exchanges are under obligation to establish the required internal control units and systems.

(2) Collaterals kept and assets included in the warranty fund created for the purpose of prevention of clearing and settlement risks in exchanges and clearing organizations pursuant to the regulations enacted by the Board cannot be used for non-intended purposes, or attached or pledged even for recovery of public receivables, or

affected from liquidation orders of administrative authorities, or included in bankrupt's estate, or restricted by injunction reliefs.

(3) With respect to corporate governance principles, the provisions of first and second paragraphs of article 17 are applicable by analogy also on exchanges, market operators and other organized marketplaces

**SECOND SECTION**  
**Association of Capital Markets of Turkey, Association of Appraisers of Turkey, Central Clearing Organizations, Central Depository Institutions, and Central Registry Agency**

**Association Of Capital Markets Of Turkey**

**Article 74 – (1)** Institutions authorized to deal with investment services and activities pursuant to article 37 of this Law, and institutions active and operating in capital markets, if and to the extent deemed fit by the Board, are under obligation to apply for enrolment in the Association of Capital Markets of Turkey, being a professional organization having a separate legal personality and identified as a public authority. Said institutions are obliged to file their applications within three months after receipt of their certificates of authorization. Activities of any institution which fails to apply for enrolment will be stopped by the Board.

(2) The Association is authorized and entrusted with the tasks of:

(a) conducting researches aimed at development of activities of capital markets and member organizations;

(b) formulating the professional rules and regulations in order to assure that the Association's members act with solidarity and work diligently and in a disciplined manner as required by capital markets and profession;

(c) taking the required actions and measures in order to prevent unfair competition;

(d) issuing, implementing and supervising the compliance with regulations on the matters vested in it by the laws and determined by the Board;

(e) inflicting the disciplinary punishments specified in the Association's bylaws;

(f) entering into cooperation with national and international organizations as a representative of its members;

(g) following up the national and international professional developments, laws and regulations, and keeping its members informed there about;

(h) establishing and managing the required infrastructure for resolution by way of arbitration of the disputes of its members arising out of their activities covered by this Law; and

(i) performing other duties and assignments determined by the Board.

(3) In its regulations and decisions, the Association is under obligation to comply with this Law and other applicable laws and regulations.

## **Organs And Bylaws Of Association of Capital Markets Of Turkey**

**Article 75 – (1)** Mandatory organs of the Association are general assembly of members, board of directors and audit committee.

(2) At least fifteen days prior to the date of the general assembly meeting where organs of the Association will be elected, a list showing the Association members eligible for elections and their representatives will, together with a cover letter indicating the agenda, venue, date and time of the meeting and the details relating to second meeting to be held if the required quorum cannot be reached in the first meeting, be submitted in three copies to the judge to chair the board of election to be appointed by the Supreme Committee of Elections. The judge reviews and approves the list and other details, and appoints a chair and two members for the ballot box committee, and one associate member for each of them. Voting is handled by secret balloting and open counting process. At the end of election period, the results of election are documented by a memorandum which is signed by chairman and members of the ballot box committee. All kinds of objections against elections filed within two business days following the time of signature of the memorandum are reviewed and finally concluded and responded by the judge in the same day. The Board shall also have a right of appeal for the purposes of implementation of this Law, and the Board's appeals will also be reviewed and responded likewise.

(3) Organs, income and expenses, working principles and reference terms, acceptance for membership, and temporary or permanent exclusion from membership of the Association are regulated by Bylaws to be issued and enacted by a decree of the Council of Ministers upon a proposal of the Board and with prior consent of the relevant Ministry. Upon demand of the Association or if and when deemed necessary ex officio, the Board may offer amendments in the Bylaws to the relevant Ministry.

(4) All members of the Association referred to in article 74 hereinabove are required to be represented in the board of directors of the Association. The procedures of being a candidate or being nominated as required for compliance with the first sentence hereof shall be outlined in the Association's Bylaws.

(5) Membership subscriptions of the Association, if not paid within the period of time shown in the Bylaws, are collected and recovered by the Association through execution proceedings. Decisions as to payment of subscriptions of the Association are considered and treated as a written official document within the meaning ascribed thereto by article 68 of the Execution and Bankruptcy Code no. 2004 dated 09/06/1932.

(6) Members are under obligation to comply with the Association's Bylaws and decisions.

(7) The Association is audited by the Board every year. Procedures and principles relating to audit of all kinds of transactions and accounts of the Association are determined by the Board. A copy of the audit report issued by the Board as a result of audits as above is sent to the relevant Ministry by no later than the end of sixth month of the next year. The relevant Minister may request the Capital Markets Board to take the necessary actions for assuring compliance of activities of the Association with its original objectives, and is also authorized to audit all and any transactions and accounts of the Association. Decisions taken by the authorized organs of the Association may be appealed to the Board within ten business days following the date of notification of the relevant decision. Decisions taken by the Board with regard to appeals are final and definite.

## **Association Of Appraisers Of Turkey**

**Article 76 – (1)** Real estate appraisers and appraisal firms are under obligation to apply for enrolment in the Association of Appraisers of Turkey, being a professional organization having a separate legal personality and identified as a public authority.

(2) A license holder is under obligation to file the required application to the Association of Appraisers of Turkey for membership within three months following the date he becomes eligible for license. License of any person who breaches this obligation is cancelled by the Board.

- (3) Appraisal firms are under obligation to file the required application to the Association of Appraisers of Turkey for membership within three months following the date they become eligible for appraisal firm status. In the case of breach of this obligation, the Board is authorized to take all kinds of measures and actions against them, including, but not limited to, suspension of their activities and cancellation of their powers.
- (4) The Association of Appraisers of Turkey is authorized and liable to conduct researches and give training and certificates in order to assure development of real estate market and real estate appraisal activities, and to formulate the professional rules and appraisal standards for ensuring that the Association's members act with solidarity and work diligently and in a disciplined manner as required by the profession, and to take actions for prevention of unfair competition, and to issue, implement and audit compliance with regulations on the matters vested in it by the applicable laws or determined by the Board, and to inflict the disciplinary punishments specified in the Bylaws of the Association of Appraisers of Turkey, and to enter into cooperation with the relevant organizations as a representative of its members, and to follow up the professional developments and administrative and judicial regulations and decrees and to keep its members informed thereabout.
- (5) Information about the appraisals within the scope of house finance are required to be submitted to the Association of Appraisers of Turkey in accordance with the procedures and principles to be determined by the Association of Appraisers of Turkey.
- (6) Principles as to amounts and limits of fees payable in consideration of appraisal services of members of the Association of Appraisers of Turkey shall be determined by the Board on yearly basis in due consultation with the Banking Regulatory and Supervisory Authority, the Association of Appraisers of Turkey, the Banks Association of Turkey and the Association of Capital Markets of Turkey. Yearly minimum fee tariff determined by the Board is published in the Official Gazette.
- (7) In its regulations and decisions, the Association of Appraisers of Turkey is under obligation to comply with the Law and other applicable laws and regulations.
- (8) A representative of the Association of Appraisers of Turkey is included in the board of directors of the Association of Capital Markets of Turkey.
- (9) The provisions of article 75 hereof are applicable by analogy about the Association of Appraisers of Turkey and its members, organs and Bylaws.
- (10) Members of the Association of Appraisers of Turkey are under obligation to comply with the Bylaws of the Association of Appraisers of Turkey and the decisions of the Association of Appraisers of Turkey. Members who breach this obligation are fined to pay a fine from five thousand Turkish Lira to fifty thousand Turkish Lira by a decision of the Association of Appraisers of Turkey.
- (11) The Association of Appraisers of Turkey is audited by the Board every year. Procedures and principles relating to audit of all kinds of transactions and accounts of the Association are determined by the Board. A copy of the audit report issued by the Board as a result of audits as above is sent to the relevant Ministry by no later than the end of sixth month of the next year. The relevant Minister may request the Capital Markets Board to take the necessary actions for assuring compliance of activities of the Association with its original objectives, and is also authorized to audit all and any transactions and accounts of the Association. Decisions taken by the authorized organs of the Association may be appealed to the Board within ten business days following the date of notification of the relevant decision. Decisions taken by the Board with regard to appeals are final and definite.

### **Central Clearing Organizations**

**Article 77 – (1)** Central clearing organizations are institutions being a private law legal entity organized in the form of a joint-stock company, which is engaged in delivery of capital market instruments traded in exchanges and other organized marketplaces, and payment of price thereof, and performance of the collateral obligations pertaining



thereto. Foundation of central clearing organizations is permitted by the relevant Minister upon a proposal of the Board. Activation of these organizations is subject to a prior consent of the Board. Procedures and principles relating to capital of central clearing organizations, and their activities in the scope of this Law, and temporary or permanent suspension of their activities, and audit, supervision, financial reporting standards, independent audit of financial statements, and cooperation with other institutions and organizations shall be determined by the Board. Central clearing organizations established as per this Law may, provided that they are authorized according to the applicable laws and regulations, carry out the activities mentioned in this paragraph also about the certificates of commodity issued by the licensed depots.

(2) Rules pertaining to membership, collaterals, principles of clearing and settlement, discipline, capital, income and other issues of central clearing organizations are regulated by regulations to be prepared by the Board or if deemed fit by the Board, by the relevant central clearing organizations and to be approved by the Board. Procedures and principles relating to clearing and settlement system, membership, default process, collaterals provided to the central clearing organization for the sake of safety of clearing and settlement, and foundation, operation and use of warranty funds to be created with contributions of members for the liabilities assumed as a central counterparty shall be regulated by a regulation to be prepared by central clearing organizations and approved by the Board.

(3) The Board determines exchanges and other organized marketplaces where central clearing organizations are allowed to offer their clearing and settlement services. Prior consent of exchanges is also sought for in determination of exchanges where central clearing organizations are allowed to offer clearing and settlement services. If deemed fit and acceptable by the Board, central clearing organizations may also render clearing, payment, collateral and settlement services to present or future markets other than capital markets, except for those markets created by the Turkish Central Bank. Furthermore, the Board may require that the transactions on capital market instruments executed in markets other than exchanges and other organized marketplaces be also settled and cleared through a central clearing organization.

(4) The Board is the regulatory, supervisory and audit authority of all central clearing organizations described in this article. Accordingly, the Board may request the central clearing organizations and their members to take all kinds of actions and to give or regularly send all and any information and documents as and when deemed necessary with regard to central clearing and settlement activities.

(5) The provisions of article 44 hereof are applicable also on central clearing organizations.

(6) Central clearing organization shall be authorized to request information and documents from and to audit and inspect their members with regard to their activities and operations. The members cannot refrain from giving information in reliance upon the confidentiality and secrecy obligations arising out of their special statutes with respect to the fields of business of central clearing organizations.

## Central Counterparty

**Article 78 – (1)** The Board may hold central clearing organizations obliged to serve as a central counterparty where they commit completion of settlement by acting as seller against buyer, and as buyer against seller, separately by markets or capital market instruments. Exchanges and other organized marketplaces may also apply to the Board in order to start central counterparty system also for capital market instruments traded in them. Central clearing organisations may apply to the Board in order to start central counterparty system in the organised money markets.

(2) Financial liability of clearing organizations arising out of clearings and settlements where they act as a central counterparty will be determined within the limits to be established and within the frame of collaterals and other guarantees to be taken from members. Ownership of the collaterals taken by clearing organisations within central counterparty service passes to the same. Unless otherwise provided by law, the second and fifth paragraphs and sub-paragraph (a) of the fourth paragraph of the article 47 shall apply to such collaterals. Clearing organisations are not liable for obligations of its members to their clients. As part of default management in the markets where they offer central counterparty services, the clearing organisations may utilize collaterals of the members, guaranty

fund, their own capital as well as insurance contracts, deduction from profits, transfer of the positions and collaterals of the customers to the other members without the necessity of the consent of the members in default either through ex officio when required or the request of the member's customers, netting of the obligations, rights, collaterals, receivables, debts with the same party and other methods the Board will deem appropriate.

**(3)** Central clearing organisations may provide capital and capital equivalent source for the use of default management and pledge collaterals and guaranty fund assets as security with the intention of borrowing in order to provide liquidity within the scope of default management. Central clearing organisations may keep cash collaterals in the accounts to be opened on their behalf in the banks and depository institutions the purpose of hedging and custody of the securities. The second paragraph of the article 73 also applies to the capital and capital equivalent sources allocated to the default management by central clearing organisations. The second paragraph of the article 73 and the first paragraph of the article 79 also apply to the assets subject to currency exchange and / or currency swap transactions deposited or transferred to settlement and reconciliation accounts at the central clearing organisation or central depository institution, limited to the period until the final settlement agreement is made.

**(4)** Conditions pertaining to clearing membership and types of membership as for the capital market instruments subject to central counterparty system will be regulated by the relevant clearing organization with a prior approval of the Board, in such manner to contain also the minimum conditions as to members' obligations and as to capital, internal audit and risk management system.

**(5)** Central clearing organizations acting as a central counterparty are under obligation to keep an adequate level of capital in line with the financial risks and other risks assumed by them for the relevant capital market instruments, and to establish and maintain the required information processing infrastructure and internal control, risk management and internal audit systems. Internal audit unit of these organizations is under obligation to inspect and check the reliability and adequacy of risk management and information processing infrastructures at least semi-annually, and to report the audit results to the Board. The Board may order that the said inspection be conducted more frequently, and may request an independent audit with regard to said points. Furthermore, the Board shall also be authorized to request inspection of the financial adequacy of an organization acting as central counterparty by various methods to be specified, also including stress tests, and if and when deemed necessary, to request a credit rating thereof.

**(6)** For the sake of protection of financial stability, the Board may impose additional obligations, also including capital requirements, on these organizations and their members having a systemic significance therein for.

**(7)** Collaterals received by the organization acting as central counterparty, and properties and assets of account holders therein are required to be traced separately from properties and assets of the organization. Except for clearing and settlement transactions, the organization acting as central counterparty cannot use the said collaterals or assets for non-intended purposes. The organization acting as central counterparty will take measures in order to assure compliance with the provisions of this paragraph.

**(8)** Organizations acting as central counterparty are not required to enter into a separate agreement for each transaction with the parties thereto.

**(9)** The procedures and principles regarding the default management to be carried out in accordance with this article, the guarantees to be taken from the members of the clearing organisations with regard to the central counterparty service, the guarantee funds to be contained within their structures shall be determined by the Board upon the recommendation of the clearing organisation.

**(10)** Capital or capital equivalent sources allocated for each marketplace, for which central clearing institutions offer central counter-party services, collaterals received and guarantee funds that are set up may not be used for any purposes other than the intended purpose. The collaterals and guarantee fund assets received within the scope of the central counter-party services offered in connection with capital markets shall be monitored separately from the collaterals and guarantee fund assets received within the same scope in connection with money markets.

## **Definiteness of Settlement And Right of Pledge**

**Article 79 – (1)** Clearing and settlement instructions and transactions and payment transactions of capital market instruments cannot be withdrawn or cancelled for any reason whatsoever, also including temporary or permanent suspension of activities of members of central clearing organizations, and initiation of liquidation processes in administrative and juridical authorities.

**(2)** Where member organizations show as guarantee the properties and assets of themselves or their customers or third parties, the provisions of articles 988 to 991 of the Turkish Civil Code no. 4721 dated 22/11/2001 are applicable also on acquisition of ownership or limited real rights on the dematerialized capital market instruments standing as collaterals. Lack of the rights of disposal of investment institutions on the collateralized properties or assets for any reason whatsoever does not preclude the central clearing organization from acquiring rights in rem in good faith. Interpleaded reliefs or limited real right claims of third parties on the collateralized properties and assets cannot be claimed against central clearing organization.

**(3)** Rights and powers of central clearing organization on the properties and assets taken as collateral due to clearing, settlement and central counterparty transactions can by no means and in no case be limited or restricted. The granting of a time to a member organization or to collateral giver for composition with creditors, or approval of composition with creditors, or initiation of composition with creditors following bankruptcy, or of composition with creditors through cessionary bankruptcy, or conciliatory restructuring of debts, or insolvency and bankruptcy, or postponement of bankruptcy, or other legal proceedings under the Code no. 2004, or provisions of this Law pertaining to gradual liquidation can by no means limit or restrict the central clearing organization to use its rights and powers on the said collaterals.

## **Central Depository Institutions (Central Custodians)**

**Article 80 – (1)** Central depository institutions are institutions being a private law legal entity organized in the form of a joint-stock company engaged in central custody of capital market instruments and in services of use of rights associated thereto. Foundation of central depository institutions is permitted by the relevant Minister upon a prior consent of the Board. Activation of these institutions is subject to a prior consent of the Board. Procedures and principles relating to capital and profit distribution of central depository institutions, and their activities in the scope of this Law, and temporary or permanent suspension of their activities, and audit, supervision, financial reporting standards, independent audit of financial statements, and cooperation with other institutions and organizations shall be determined by the Board.

**(2)** Rules pertaining to membership, collaterals, principles of custody services, discipline, capital, income and other issues of central depository institutions are regulated by regulations to be prepared by the Board or if deemed fit by the Board, by the relevant central depository institutions and to be approved by the Board.

**(3)** The Board determines the types of capital market instruments for which central depository institutions may serve as central custodians. The Board may require that capital market instruments be kept in custody in one or more than one central depository institution. If deemed fit by the Board, central depository institutions may assume custody services also in present and future markets other than capital markets. Central depository institution of the dematerialized capital market instruments is CRA (Central Registry Agency).

**(4)** The Board is the supervisory and audit authority of all central depository institutions described in this article. Accordingly, the Board may request the central depository institutions and their members to take all kinds of actions and to give or regularly send all and any information and documents as and when deemed necessary with regard to central custody services and activities.

**(5)** The provisions of article 44 hereof are applicable also on central depository institutions.

## Central Registry Agency

**Article 81 – (1)** Central Registry Agency is a joint-stock company being a private law legal entity, established in order to carry out the process of dematerialization of capital market instruments, and to trace these instruments and the associated rights by members and right owners in electronic medium, and to hold these instruments in central custody.

**(2)** Foundation, activities, membership, working and auditing principles, income and profit share distribution principles of CRA are regulated by a regulation to be enacted and issued by the Board.

**(3)** In addition to its duties mentioned in the first paragraph hereof, CRA assumes and performs the following duties and activities as well:

**(a)** To create an electronic platform for communication of companies and their partners and investors for the sake of compliance of companies with the corporate governance principles set forth in the Code no. 6102 and other applicable laws and regulations; and

**(b)** To create an electronic data bank for collection of all data relating to capital markets at a single point, and to ensure the use of these data within the frame of principles to be determined by the Board; and

**(c)** To perform other duties vested in by the Board within the frame of capital markets laws and other relevant laws, as well as transactions required as per the laws and regulations; and

**(d)** To take actions for dematerialization of certificates of commodity issued by the depots, and for tracing of them and the associated rights on book-entry basis in electronic medium, and to create a platform therein for, providing that it is authorized to do so pursuant to the applicable laws and regulations.

**(4)** Within the frame of regulations to be enacted by the Board, CRA shall be authorized to request information and documents from and to audit and inspect its members with regard to their activities and operations. The members cannot refrain from giving information in reliance upon the confidentiality and secrecy obligations arising out of their special statutes with respect to the fields of business of CRA.

**(5)** CRA and its members shall be held liable to the extent of their faults for the losses and damages that may be incurred by right owners due to keeping of records inaccurately.

**(6)** The Board is the supervisory and audit authority of CRA. Accordingly, the Board may request CRA and its members to take all kinds of actions and to give or send upon demand or regularly in writing or in electronic medium all and any information and documents as and when deemed necessary with regard to dematerialization of capital market instruments.

## THIRD SECTION Other Institutions

### Indemnification Of Investors

**Article 82 – (1)** If and when it is determined that investment institutions have failed or will in a short period of time not be able to perform their obligations of cash payment or delivery of capital market instruments arising out of capital market activities, the Board decides to indemnify the investors. This decision is taken within three months following the date of determination. The Board's rights and powers to take actions and measures as stipulated in this Law are, however, reserved.

**(2)** In order for the Board to decide indemnification about banks pursuant to the preceding first paragraph, the Banking Regulatory and Supervisory Authority is required to be duly consulted. The provisions of this Law pertaining to indemnification of investors are not applicable on cash payment obligations considered and treated as deposits or participation funds pursuant to the banking laws and regulations.

## Investor Indemnification Center

**Article 83 – (1)** YTM (Investor Indemnification Center) is hereby founded as a public legal entity for the purpose of indemnification of investors under the conditions set forth in this Law. YTM will be represented and managed by the Board within the frame of a regulation to be issued and enacted by the Board. Transactions and works of YTM are required to be carried out by the Board's personnel and the personnel to be employed specifically for this purpose. The pertinent procedures and principles shall be regulated by a regulation to be issued and enacted by the Board.

(2) Investment institutions are obliged to participate in YTM. Procedures and principles relating to participation of investment institutions in YTM, and their obligation to pay entrance fees, yearly contributions or additional subscriptions thereto shall be determined by a regulation to be issued and enacted by the Board. This regulation may, with regard to determination of the amount of subscription/contribution, specify different principles depending on types and risk exposures of investment institutions.

(3) If deemed necessary by YTM, it may be decided that the payments of an investment institution ordered by the Board to indemnify investors be suspended, and all properties and assets thereof be solely at the disposal of YTM. This provision is applicable on banks in terms of their obligations of cash payment and delivery of capital market instruments arising out of their capital market activities.

(4) All kinds of safety deposits and receivables arising out of investment services and activities shall be recorded as revenue of YTM, if not claimed and collected within ten years following the date of last claim, transaction or written instruction of the account holder given in any manner whatsoever, or for investment funds and variable capital investment partnerships, following the date of liquidation. Procedures and principles pertaining thereto shall be outlined by the Board.

(5) Properties of YTM cannot be used for non-intended purposes, or shown as guarantee, or attached or pledged or included in bankrupt's estate or restricted by injunction reliefs even for recovery of public claims and receivables.

(6) Transactions of YTM under this Law are exempted from public fees, and documents to be issued by YTM under this Law are exempted from stamp duty. Due to its activities and operations under this Law, YTM cannot be considered to have founded an economic enterprise within the meaning ascribed thereto by the Corporate Tax Law no. 5520 dated 13/06/2006.

## Scope Of Indemnification

**Article 84 – (1)** Scope of indemnification is composed of claims arising out of non-performance of the obligations of cash payment or delivery of capital market instruments belonging to investors and kept in custody or managed by the investment institution in the name of investor in the course of investment services and activities or ancillary services associated thereto.

(2) Investors of investment institutions ordered to indemnify their investors have a right of claim for indemnification of their losses under this article. Losses of investors arising out of investment consultancy or price movements in the market are excluded from the scope of indemnification.

(3) Claims of investors who are convicted of offences mentioned in articles 106 and 107 herein below or of the offence of laundering of criminal properties and revenues are also excluded from the scope of indemnification, solely for the receivables with regard to such criminal acts. Payments due to any person who is denounced of the aforementioned offences will be suspended for the period from the start of prosecution on the said offences to the date the court verdict becomes final thereon.

(4) The following persons and entities are not indemnified:

(a) Directors, executives and personally liable partners, and partners holding five percent or more of capital shares, and audit committee members of investment institutions ordered to indemnify their investors, and persons holding the same or similar positions in other companies included in the same group with the relevant investment institution, and their spouses and relatives by blood or by marriage up to second degree, and third persons acting for and on behalf of the said persons; and

(b) Other companies included in the same group with investment institutions ordered to indemnify their investors; and

(c) Companies where the persons and entities mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) hereof hold twenty-five percent or more of capital shares; and

(d) Persons who are held liable for or have profited from the events which have caused financial distress of investment institutions or have had important effects in distortion of financial situation.

(5) Maximum amount of indemnity payable to each eligible investor is one hundred thousand Turkish Lira. This amount is increased by the revaluation coefficient published every year. Total amount of indemnity may be increased up to five times thereof by a decree of the Council of Ministers upon a proposal of the Board. This limit covers all of the claims of an investor from the same institution, regardless of number, types and currencies of accounts. If and to the extent the portion of claims in excess of the maximum amount payable by YTM has been transferred and assigned to another investor, no such payment will be made by YTM to the assignee.

### **Indemnification Process**

**Article 85 – (1)** Investors file their claims in writing to YTM. The right of claim is time-barred upon lapse of one year following the date of announcement of the decision of indemnification.

(2) YTM is under obligation to make the required preparations for indemnification of the eligible investors as soon as possible, and to make the payments within three months after the eligible investors and the amounts of indemnity are determined. If and when required, this time may be extended by not more than three months with a prior approval of the Board.

(3) Claims of investors are calculated over the obligations of cash payment and return of capital market instruments not met and satisfied by the investment institution. Capital market instruments kept in custody in the name of investors are first of all allotted and distributed to eligible investors. These capital market instruments are set off on the basis of each account and particularly for the settlement obligations not fulfilled. Amount of indemnity is determined by also taking into consideration the offset and similar other claims of the investment institution in accordance with the legal and contractual conditions. Procedures and principles relating to calculation of receivables of investors shall be determined by the Board.

(4) Following completion of indemnification process, the Board decides to close the indemnification process upon a notice of YTM. YTM presents to the Board the results of indemnification process, together with its reasoned suggestions as to whether it is necessary and useful to demand gradual liquidation or bankruptcy of investment institutions ordered to indemnify their investors. A decision of gradual liquidation or bankruptcy does not prevent the indemnification process. YTM becomes subrogated to the rights and claims of investors to the extent of the amounts of indemnity paid by it.

(5) In order for an investment institution the investors of which are partially or fully indemnified to restart its investment services and activities, without prejudice to other conditions sought for by the applicable laws, it is required to indemnify all and any payments effected and all and any expenses incurred by YTM with regard to indemnification, including all principals and interests thereof.

(6) Without prejudice to provisions of other articles of this Law, procedures and principles relating to notification and announcement of the decision of indemnification, operational procedure of indemnification process, obligations of investment institutions ordered to indemnify their investors towards YTM, sanctions applicable in the case of failure in performance of these obligations, principles as to protection to be provided to investors registered in domestic and foreign branches, obligations of investment institutions ordered to indemnify their investors to keep the investors informed, rights and obligations of YTM, provisions as to utilization of properties and assets of YTM, YTM's financial statements, books and reports, and other relevant matters shall be regulated by a regulation to be enacted and issued by the Board within the frame of general law provisions

### **Gradual Liquidation**

**Article 86 – (1)** About the investment institutions, except for banks, ordered to indemnify their investors pursuant to article 82 hereinabove, the Board may, together with its decision for closing of indemnification process, also take a decision of gradual liquidation. Thereupon, the gradual liquidation process is conducted by YTM.

(2) Purpose of gradual liquidation is to ensure that outstanding receivables and claims of investors not indemnified under the indemnification process described in article 85 hereof, and receivables of YTM arising out of subrogation of YTM to investors are paid out of the properties and assets of investment institutions decided to be gradually liquidated or out of the proceeds of sale upon realization and encashment of such properties and assets. Gradual liquidation decisions and transactions are not subject to provisions of the Code no. 6102, the Code no.2004 and other applicable laws pertaining to liquidation. Procedures and principles relating to gradual liquidation are regulated by a regulation to be issued by the Board.

(3) Duties and powers of legal organs of the investment institutions decided by the Board to be gradually liquidated shall be performed and used by YTM during the period from the date of gradual liquidation decision to the completion of liquidation. The transactions required to be registered are registered and announced upon demand of YTM without payment of any public fees therefor. As of the date of announcement of completion of gradual liquidation, the legal organs of investment institutions existing prior to the gradual liquidation decision reassume their duties and powers without any further action.

(4) Payments of investment institutions decided to be gradually liquidated are suspended, and their properties and assets may be disposed of only by YTM. YTM first determines the assets and liabilities of investment institution subject to gradual liquidation. Rights and obligations of relevant persons arising out of their contracts which become due after the gradual liquidation decision will also be determined as of their maturities. Collaterals and guarantees provided pursuant to the applicable laws are also considered as a part of assets. Rate of default interest to be applied for the period from indemnification to liquidation will be determined by the Board. In the case of a gradual liquidation decision, no adjudication of bankruptcy can be issued until the date of closing of gradual liquidation. As for the investment institutions decided to be gradually liquidated, no proceedings may be conducted under the Code no. 2004 and the Law on Procedure of Collection of Public Receivables no. 6183 dated 21/07/1953, and the pending proceedings are suspended, and the periods of limitation and foreclosure which can be interrupted and suspended by a legal proceeding are not counted.

(5) YTM determines the real right owners covered by liquidation and their receivables and payables in reliance upon the information and documents collected during the indemnification process. Receivables of YTM arising out of subrogation of YTM to investors and costs of liquidation are also considered and treated as YTM receivables. Assets of the investment institutions decided to be gradually liquidated are used for payment of these receivables either directly, if in cash, or indirectly after encashment, if not in cash. First, receivables of customers are paid out of assets. Should the receivables of customers cannot be paid in full, payments will be effected on pro-rata basis. Balance of proceeds remaining after payment of all of these receivables is first used for payment of public receivables on pro-rata basis, and the remainder is used for reimbursement of payments effected by YTM pursuant to article 85 hereof, and for payment of claims due to liquidation costs. The balance thereof is allotted to other creditors. Other principles relating to encashment and realization of non-cash properties of investment institutions decided to be gradually liquidated, and procedures and principles of payments on pro-rata basis shall be regulated by a regulation to be enacted by the Board.

(6) The Board may decide and order transfer to another institution of the management of portfolios under management of an investment institution decided to be gradually liquidated.

(7) YTM, together with its decision of indemnification and without delay, requests the partners who directly or indirectly, alone or jointly, hold the management and supervision of investment institutions decided to be gradually liquidated, and the natural person shareholders holding more than five percent of capital shares of their legal entity partners, to submit and file a declaration of property showing the real properties and participations, and attachable movable assets and properties, claims and receivables, securities and all kinds of income and revenues of themselves or their spouse and their children under guardianship, as well as the real properties, attachable movable assets and properties, claims and receivables, and securities acquired or transferred by them with or without consideration within two years immediately before the date of announcement of the gradual liquidation decision. The declaration of property requested as per this paragraph is required to be submitted and filed to YTM within maximum seven days. YTM shall be authorized to apply to the competent court for all kinds of actions and measures as and to the extent required for protection of interests of creditors, including, but not limited to, injunction reliefs and precautionary attachments on properties of partners directly or indirectly, alone or jointly holding the management and supervision thereof, without any security in relation therewith, and interdiction of exit of relevant persons. Pertinent provisions of the Code no. 2004 shall be applicable on provisions and results of this declaration of property. If and to the extent no lawsuit is brought forward or no execution or insolvency proceedings are initiated within six months following the injunction reliefs and attachments decided within the frame of provisions of this paragraph, then and in this case, said decisions will automatically terminate.

(8) Upon an application of YTM, the Board decides to close the gradual liquidation process. In the event that it is determined that the assets of an investment institution decided to be gradually liquidated are not sufficient to pay the receivables of right owners eligible for indemnification under the liquidation, and payments made as a part of indemnification, and liquidation costs, then YTM may further demand insolvency and bankruptcy of the relevant persons as well with a prior consent of the Board.

(9) All kinds of actions for damages and actions of debt brought or to be brought forward against YTM's legal representatives, executives or employees due to performance of their duties during gradual liquidation proceedings will be opened against YTM. The provisions of article 133 hereof are applicable for criminal actions to be brought forward against YTM personnel. YTM personnel cannot be held liable for present or future public debts, or debts owed to social security organizations, or other financial obligations of companies liquidated gradually as a part of gradual liquidation process. YTM personnel are not further obliged to report to the competent court any loss of capital and/or any debt-choked situation of capital market institutions decided to be gradually liquidated. The provisions of articles 179, 277 and et seq. and 345/a of the Code no. 2004 are not applicable due to failure of these persons to report any such event, nor can a personal liability suit be commenced against them pursuant to article 341 of the Code no. 6102. YTM, however, reserves its right of recourse to its personnel due to gross negligence or malicious misconduct of them.

(10) The rights of action of YTM with regard to institutions decided to be gradually liquidated are subject to overall time of limitation. Upon occurrence of any of the events mentioned in articles 278, 279 and 280 of the Code no. 2004, a suit of nullity may be brought forward by YTM without submission of any certificate of insolvency. During performance of its duties arising out of this article, YTM shall be authorized to request injunction reliefs and precautionary attachments free from any security or guarantee therefor.

## Data Storage Institutions

**Article 87 – (1)** For the sake of supervision of systemic risk and protection of financial stability, and with regard to transactions executed in capital markets, the Board may request those who execute these transactions to disclose the information on these transactions in the format and with the contents to be determined by the Board either directly to the Board or indirectly to a data storage institution to be authorized by the Board. Those who are obliged to disclose such information under this article cannot refrain from giving the requested information in reliance upon their confidentiality and secrecy obligations arising out of their special statutes.



(2) The procedures and principles as to obligations of the data storage institution if and to the extent the information is disclosed to a data storage institution authorized by the Board, and as to format and media of storage of information, and duties arising out of this article shall be determined by a regulation to be enacted by the Board.

(3) Sharing of information held by data storage institutions with third parties, also including public legal entities is subject to prior approval of the Board. For the purposes of this paragraph, the provisions of laws and regulations pertaining to use of personal data shall be complied with.

(4) For the purpose of enhancing of efficiency in data storage, the Board may require the persons and entities being a party to financial transactions in Turkey to receive and hold an identification code or number from an organization to be appointed by the Board. Procedures and principles relating to implementation of this paragraph shall be regulated by the Board.

## PART FIVE

### Audit and Precautionary Measures in Capital Markets

#### FIRST SECTION

#### Audit, Search and Confiscation

##### Audit Activities And Audit Authorities

**Article 88 – (1)** Professional personnel are authorized to audit the implementation of provisions of this Law and other applicable laws pertaining to capital markets, and all kinds of capital market activities and transactions. This authorization is used by professional personnel appointed by the Chairman of the Board.

(2) The Board determines the significance and priority principles for audit activities, as well as the measures and rules of conduct to be followed in risk assessments. Audit activities are conducted as per a program to be prepared by the Chairman of the Board within the frame of significance and priority principles and risk assessments. The Chairman of the Board may order unscheduled audits on matters required to be inspected out of the program.

##### Conduct Of Audit Activities

**Article 89 – (1)** Audit covers all activities and transactions of all and any institutions and entities covered by this Law and other relevant persons and entities with regard to provisions of this Law and other applicable laws and regulations pertaining to capital markets. Audit personnel are authorized to request from the relevant persons and entities all kinds of information and documents with regard to provisions of this Law and other applicable laws and regulations pertaining to capital markets, and to inspect and audit their books and documents, including the tax-related records, as well as information systems and all kinds of records and information, including those kept in electronic media, and to request access to and take copies of them, and to supervise and audit their transactions and accounts, and to take written or verbal information from the relevant persons, and to issue the required memoranda in connection therewith.

(2) Relevant persons are under obligation to satisfy the requests of audit authorities mentioned in the first paragraph, and to sign the memoranda. In the case of refraining from signature, the reasons thereof are required to be clearly shown in the memorandum.

(3) If and when deemed necessary, the required locations may be searched with the help of security forces upon a decision of the judge of the competent criminal court of peace upon a demand of the Chairman of the Board. Books and documents found in the search and deemed necessary for prosecution are determined in a detailed memorandum, and if it is not possible to examine them onsite, they are confiscated, and taken to the workplace of auditor.

## **Confidentiality And Secrecy Obligations**

**Article 90 – (1)** The persons and entities from whom information is requested pursuant to first and second paragraphs of article 89 hereinabove cannot refrain from giving information in reliance upon the confidentiality and secrecy provisions of this Law and their special statutes.

**(2)** The persons investigated, and all persons and entities, including public entities, from whom information and documents are requested about the underlying events and subject matter are under obligation to keep in confidence the existence and contents of investigation.

## **SECOND SECTION Precautionary Measures**

### **Precautionary Measures Against Unlawful Issues**

**Article 91 – (1)** Against those who are determined to have issued or attempted to issue capital market instruments in contradiction with this Law, without prejudice to all kinds of civil and criminal liabilities in relation therewith, the Board shall be authorized to take all kinds of measures free from any kind of public fees and without any security, and to claim injunction reliefs and precautionary attachments on the proceeds of sale and on the capital market instruments to be sold, again free from any kind of public fees and without any security.

**(2)** The Board sends a written notice to the issuer within thirty days following the date of determination for elimination of results of issue effected in conflict with this Law and for refund of cash funds and other assets to the right owners. The issuer will, within no later than thirty days following the date of notice, report to the Board and announce and publish by means to be determined by the Board detailed information about the persons and entities from whom funds are collected and about the amount of funds collected. The persons and entities from whom funds are collected may, within three months following the date of this announcement, file an appeal to the court of first instance of the city of the registered offices of the company. After the said list is finalized, the issuer refunds the moneys to the right owners thereof. Injunction reliefs and precautionary attachments imposed pursuant to first paragraph hereof cannot be removed before completion of such refunds.

**(3)** If the results of an issue affected in conflict with this Law cannot be entirely eliminated within one year following the date of written notice of the Board, the Board shall be authorized to bring forward lawsuits for refund of cash and other assets to right owners or for dissolution and liquidation of the company.

**(4)** Rights of the persons from whom funds are collected, arising out of general law provisions, are, however, reserved.

### **Precautionary Measures Against Unlawful Acts And Capital Or Property Reducing Acts Of Issuers**

**Article 92 – (1)** If the Board determines that the issuers governed by this Law have caused reduction or loss of capital or properties through unlawful acts in conflict with the laws, capital markets regulations, articles of association, and fund bylaws or the objectives and fields of business of the company, then and in this case, the Board shall be authorized:

**(a)** Without prejudice to the pertinent provisions of the Code no. 6102, to request the relevant persons to take actions and measures for remedy of breaches and if needed, to report the breaches to the relevant authorities; and

**(b)** To bring forward a suit of nullity within three months following determination by the Board of the unlawfulness of such acts and in any case, within three years following the date of occurrence of such events, and

bring forward an action for avoidance or a declaratory action for determination of nullity within five years thereafter; and

(c) If the occurrence of such acts and events is determined by a judgment of a court of first instance, or if, without such a judgment, it is decided so by the court upon demand of the Board, then, to withdraw the signature authorization of the persons held liable thereinfor, and in the case of a denunciation against the relevant persons, to dismiss the relevant persons until completion of prosecution, and to appoint replacement directors in lieu of dismissed directors until the next general assembly meeting.

(2) Before taking any action under this article about the publicly held banks, the Banking Regulatory and Supervisory Authority is consulted.

(3) In lawsuits and proceedings initiated by the Board and claims for interim injunction and interim attachment, within the scope of this article, the Board shall be exempt from all kinds of charges and deposits

### **Precautionary Measures Applicable In Registered Capital System**

**Article 93 – (1)** Against the decisions of board of directors taken within the frame of principles set down in article 18 hereof, the Board shall, within thirty days following the date these decisions are made public, be authorized to bring forward a suit of nullity in the competent commercial court of first instance of the city of the registered offices of the company, and to claim deferral of implementation of such decisions.

### **Precautionary Measures Applicable In Transfer Of Hidden Income**

**Article 94 – (1)** The Board is authorized to request the publicly held companies and collective investment institutions detected to have committed the acts mentioned in article 21 hereof and their affiliates and subsidiaries to announce and publish the audit results to their partners in accordance with the procedures and principles to be determined by the Board, and to bring forward an action for refund of an amount to be determined by the Board within a period of time to be designated by the Board.

(2) First paragraph and third paragraph of article 92 are also applicable for the purposes of this article.

### **Observer In General Assembly Meetings**

**Article 95 – (1)** The Board may, if and when deemed necessary, assign and send observers to general assembly meetings of publicly held companies, without any right to vote therein.

### **Precautionary Measures Applicable In Unlawful Activities Or Acts of Capital Market Institutions**

**Article 96 – (1)** Upon detection of any activities of capital market institutions in conflict with the applicable laws, standards determined by the Board, articles of association and fund bylaws, the Board is authorized to request the relevant persons to correct and remedy the breaches within a period of time to be designated by the Board and to assure compliance with the applicable laws, and objectives and principles, or directly to limit or temporarily suspend the activities of such institutions, or to cancel their authorizations entirely or only for certain capital market activities, or to take all kinds of other actions that may be deemed fit and necessary under the available circumstances.

(2) The Board shall be authorized to permanently or temporarily cancel the licenses of executives and employees detected to be liable and responsible for the unlawful activities or acts, and to limit or cancel their signature authorization for the period from the date of decision of denunciation to the end of legal proceedings, and to dismiss the directors who are detected to be liable for the unlawful acts or activities as proven by a court

judgment, and to appoint replacement directors in lieu of them until the next general assembly meeting. Before dismissal of directors of banks, the Banking Regulatory and Supervisory Authority is consulted

### **Precautionary Measures Applicable In Case of Impairment of Financial Situation**

**Article 97 – (1)** If and when it is determined that a capital market institution fails to meet its capital adequacy liabilities, or fails to perform or will not be able to perform its obligations cash delivery or delivery of financial instruments arising out of capital market activities, or separately therefrom, its financial structure is substantially weakened or its financial situation has worsened to such extent that it fails to pay its debts, then and in this case, the Board shall be authorized to request it to reinforce its financial structure within an appropriate period of time up to three months or to directly and temporarily suspend the activities of it without granting any time, or to withdraw its authorizations entirely or specifically for certain capital market activities, or to order it to indemnify its investors, or to temporarily or permanently cancel the licenses of its executives or employees held liable for its failure, or to limit or cancel their signature authorization, or if required, to dismiss its director, and to appoint replacement directors in lieu of dismissed directors until the next general assembly meeting, and to decide gradual liquidation of it and following completion of liquidation, if required, to apply for bankruptcy of it, or directly to apply for bankruptcy without gradual liquidation, or to take other actions and measures deemed necessary thereabout.

**(2)** Properties and assets of a capital market institution whose authorization is permanently cancelled and withdrawn can, except for the transactions to be executed by the Board or by YTM within the frame of gradual liquidation, not be transferred, pledged, shown as a guarantee, restricted by injunction reliefs, or attached at any time during the period from the date of the decision of the Board with respect to cancellation of authorization until the date of announcement of completion of gradual liquidation process, or following completion of gradual liquidation or in the case of direct application for bankruptcy, until the date of court judgment as to merits of the application for bankruptcy. All attachments and injunction reliefs thereon are foreclosed, and all pending execution and bankruptcy proceedings are automatically suspended, and the periods of limitation and foreclosure which can be interrupted and suspended by a legal proceeding are not counted. If an adjudication of bankruptcy is taken, receivables arising out of payments effected by YTM are recovered and collected with priority as privileged and preferential receivables after the receivables of the state and the social security organizations covered by the Law no. 6183. These receivables are paid before the schedule of receivables is finalized as specified in article 232 of the Code no. 2004, depending on cash funds of the estate. As for banks and other institutions subject to provisions of the Law no. 5411 and as for persons and entities subject to provisions of the Law no. 5411, receivables of YTM come after receivables of the Saving Deposits Insurance Fund.

**(3)** Properties and assets of a capital market institution whose authorization is temporarily suspended pursuant to first paragraph hereof can, except for the transactions to be executed by the Board, also not be transferred, pledged, shown as a guarantee, restricted by injunction reliefs, or attached at any time during the period from the date of the decision with respect to temporary suspension until the date of permission of reactivation. All attachments and injunction reliefs thereon are foreclosed, and all pending execution and bankruptcy proceedings are automatically suspended, and the periods of limitation and foreclosure which can be interrupted and suspended by a legal proceeding are not counted. As for the capital market institutions whose activities are decided by the Board to be resumed, all proceedings which were outstanding before suspension of activities and were suspended pursuant to first sentence of this paragraph will be continued.

**(4)** Temporary suspension period cannot exceed two years for the capital market institutions whose activities are temporarily suspended by the Board or upon their own demand pursuant to this Law.

**(5)** Except for the measures aimed at remedying of breach of capital markets laws and regulation or at conduct of capital market activities, the Banking Regulatory and Supervisory Authority decides to apply the precautionary measures mentioned in first paragraph about banks, while application of the said measures about banks the management or supervision of which is transferred to the Saving Deposits Insurance Fund pursuant to the pertinent provisions of the Law no. 5411 is decided by the Saving Deposits Insurance Fund.

### **Precautionary Measures Applicable In Gradual Liquidation And Bankruptcy**

**Article 98 – (1)** In the case of bankruptcy of capital market instruments or in the case of gradual liquidation pursuant to article 86 hereof, the Board shall be authorized to apply for personal bankruptcy and insolvency of shareholders directly or indirectly holding more than ten percent of capital shares, and former or present directors and authorized signatories, and portfolio management company executives, and fund board members of house finance funds and asset finance funds, providing that their liability therein for is determined pursuant to article 97 hereinabove.

### **Precautionary Measures Applicable In Unauthorized Capital Market Activities**

**Article 99 – (1)** The Board shall be authorized to take all kinds of measures for prevention and stoppage of unauthorized capital market activities, and without prejudice to all kinds of civil and criminal liabilities in connection therewith, to bring forward legal actions for cancellation of results of the unauthorized capital market activities and transactions or for refund of cash or return of capital market instruments to right owners thereof within one year following the date of learning and in any case, within five years following the date of occurrence.

**(2)** The provisions of second paragraph of article 96 are applicable by analogy about the persons and entities engaged in unauthorized capital market instruments and the partners and executives held liable by the Board, irrespective of finalization of the damages and losses resulting from the said activities.

**(3)** If and when it is determined that unauthorized capital market activities are carried out via internet, and if the content and hosting providers are located in Turkey, the competent courts judge and order the prevention of access upon an application of the Board pursuant to the applicable laws. If content and hosting providers are located abroad, the access is prevented by the Information Technologies and Communication Authority upon application of the Board.

### **Precautionary Measures Applicable In Unlawful Disclosures, Advertisements, Promotions And Statements**

**Article 100 – (1)** In the event that company name, advertisements or promotions of a capital market institution contain words or phrases giving the impression that it is active and operating in capital markets, although it has entered into unauthorized activities in capital markets, and its certificate of authorization is cancelled, or its activities are suspended, or its decentralized organization units are shut down, in addition to the criminal prosecution about the persons responsible therein for, if a delay would cause objectionable results, the advertisements and promotions of the institution may be suspended, and its unlawful documents, advertisements and promotions may be recalled and withdrawn, and its workplaces may be temporarily closed by the highest civilian authority of the relevant city upon demand of the Board, pursuant to the applicable laws and regulations.

**(2)** The Board may request suspension and removal of advertisements, promotions and statements determined to be in contradiction with third paragraph of article 7 hereof.

### **Precautionary Measures Applicable In Prosecutions For Abuse of Information And Market Frauds**

**Article 101 – (1)** With respect to persons or entities and duly authorized officers of legal entities who are reasonably suspected of commission of the acts listed in articles 106 and 107 herein below, and the relevant capital market instruments, the Board shall be authorized to take all kinds of measures required for effective and healthy operation of markets, and to determine the procedures and principles as to implementation of these measures, including, but not limited to:

- (a)** Temporary or permanent interdiction of trading in exchanges;
- (b)** Change of clearing and settlement methods;

- (c) Imposition of limitations on margin trading, short selling, lending and borrowing transactions;
- (d) Imposition or change of obligations as to collaterals;
- (e) Trading in different markets or determination of different trading principles;
- (f) Limitation of scope of distribution of market data; and
- (g) Imposition of trading or position limits.

(2) In the case of application of a program for purchase of own shares pursuant to article 22 hereof, the Board may put restrictions or limitations on trading of shares of the relevant publicly held company by persons or entities and other relevant persons with whom the relevant publicly held company is directly or indirectly affiliated in terms of management, supervision or capital shares.

### **Notification Obligation**

**Article 102 – (1)** Upon detection of any information or doubt as to commission of offences listed in articles 106 and 107 hereof, the relevant investment institutions and the capital market institutions determined by the Board are under obligation to notify it to the Board or to other institutions and entities to be determined by the Board. The Board determines the procedures and principles of notification obligation.

(2) Even if provided otherwise in their special statutes, those who send a notification to the Board cannot disclose any information about the notifications made pursuant to this article and about the subject matter thereof to third parties and entities and institutions, also including the parties to the transaction, except for courts, public prosecutors and the Presidency of the Financial Crimes Investigation Board.

## **PART SIX**

### **Acts Requiring Administrative Fines and Capital Market Offences**

#### **FIRST SECTION**

#### **Acts Requiring Administrative Fines**

### **General Principles**

**Article 103 – (1)** Persons who act in conflict with the regulations issued in reliance upon this Law, and standards and forms, and general and special decisions taken by the Board are sentenced by the Board to pay an administrative fine of from twenty thousand Turkish Lira up to two hundred and fifty thousand Turkish Lira. However, if there is also achieving of advantages and benefits as a result of such breach of obligations, the amount of administrative fine cannot be less than twice the amount of benefits derived there from.

(2) If the person breaching the obligations mentioned in the first paragraph is an organ or representative of a private law legal entity or is not an organ or representative, but has assumed a duty or task within the frame of activities of that legal entity, an administrative fine will be separately inflicted on the legal entity as well according to the first paragraph provisions. However, if the breach of obligations results in a loss of the represented legal entity, no administrative fine will be inflicted on the legal entity.

(3) Persons or entities who fail to perform their share purchase offer obligation pursuant to article 26 and if required, within an additional period of time that may be granted by the Board will be sentenced by the Board to pay an administrative fine up to the total price of shares being the subject matter of share purchase offer.

(4) Regardless of the presence of information mentioned in article 106 hereof, unless otherwise permitted by the Board and within a period of time to be determined by the Board, the directors and executives of issuers who derive benefits out of trading of the relevant capital market instruments are under obligation to transfer the net benefits to the issuer. Those who fail to perform this obligation within thirty days will be sentenced by the Board to pay an administrative fine equal to twice the benefits derived there from.

(5) Members who fail to perform their obligations mentioned in sixth paragraph of article 75 hereof will be sentenced by the Association of Capital Markets of Turkey to pay an administrative fine of from five thousand Turkish Lira up to fifty thousand Turkish Lira.

(6) In the event that publicly held companies and collective investment institutions and their affiliates and subsidiaries act so as to lead to increase of profits or properties of persons or entities related to them by omitting or disregarding the activities they are indeed required to perform in order to protect or increase their own profits or properties as a prudent and honest merchant and in accordance with the market usage and practices and within the frame of their articles of association or internal bylaws and memorandum, the relevant legal entity will be sentenced by the Board to pay an administrative fine of from twenty thousand Turkish Lira up to two hundred and fifty thousand Turkish Lira. However, the amount of administrative fine cannot be less than twice the amount of benefits derived there from.

### **Market Disruptive Acts**

**Article 104 – (1)** Acts and transactions which cannot be justified by a reasonable economic or financial justification and which may disrupt the operation of exchanges and other organized markets in trust, transparency and stability will, if not classifiable as an offence, be considered and treated as market disruptive acts. Any person who commits a market disruptive act as determined by the Board will be sentenced to pay an administrative fine of from twenty thousand Turkish Lira up to five hundred thousand Turkish Lira. However, if such market disruptive acts are used for gaining of advantages and benefits, the amount of administrative fine cannot be less than twice the amount of benefits derived there from.

### **Enforcement Of Administrative Fines**

**Article 105 – (1)** Defense of the relevant person is taken before enforcement of administrative fines. If no defense is filed within thirty days following the date of delivery of the notice requesting the defense, the relevant person is deemed to have waived from his right of defense.

(2) If and when any one of misdemeanors described in this Law is committed more than once until the decision of administrative sanction, the relevant person or entity is, according to the relevant provisions, sentenced to pay an administrative fine, and the fine is doubled. However, if such misdemeanor is used for gaining of advantages and benefits or causes any damages and losses, the amount of administrative fine cannot be less than twice the amount of benefits derived there from or the amount of damages and losses caused thereby.

(3) Fifty percent of administrative fines collected is recorded as income to the general budget, while the other fifty percent is transferred to ICC (Investment Compensation Center) for recording as income.

(4) One may appeal to administrative courts against decisions of administrative fines inflicted pursuant to this Law.

## SECOND SECTION

### Capital Market Offences

#### Abuse Of Information

##### Article 106 – (1)

- (a) Executives of issuers or their affiliates or controlling shareholders
- (b) Persons holding such information due to being a shareholder in issuers or their affiliates or controlling shareholders;
- (c) Persons holding such information due to performance of their profession, job or duty;
- (d) Persons acquiring such information through commission of an offence or
- (e) Persons who know, or if proven, must know that the information they hold are of the nature mentioned in this paragraph,

who give purchase or sale orders or change or cancel their orders with regard to capital market instruments, in reliance upon information which are directly or indirectly about capital market instruments or issuers and may affect the price or value of relevant capital market instruments or the decisions of investors and are not yet made public, thereby gaining benefits for themselves or for others shall be sentenced to imprisonment from two years to five years or to a juridical fine. However, if a juridical fine is inflicted on this offence, the fine cannot be less than twice the amount of benefits derived from there.

#### Market Fraud

**Article 107 – (1)** Those who trade or give trading orders or cancel or change orders or realize account movements with the intention of creating untrue or misleading impressions about prices, variation of prices, supply or demand of capital market instruments shall be sentenced to imprisonment from two years to five years and to juridical fine equal to from five thousand days up to ten thousand days. However, the amount of juridical fine to be inflicted on this offence cannot be less than the amount of benefits derived from the offence.

(2) Those who give false, untrue or misleading information or make rumor or inform or make comments or prepare reports or broadcast untrue or misleading information and benefit from this way, with the intention of affecting the price or value of capital market instruments or the decisions of investors shall be sentenced to imprisonment from two years up to five years and to juridical fine up to five thousand days.

(3) If any offender of offences described in first paragraph regrets and pays to the Treasury an amount up to twice the amount of benefits derived there from, which shall not be less than five hundred thousand Turkish Lira; if such payment is made:

- (a) before the start of investigation, no penalty will be imposed; or
- (b) during the investigation stage, penalty will be reduced by half; or
- (c) during the legal proceedings stage before the judgment is issued, penalty will be reduced by one-third.



## Events Not Considered As Abuse Of Information Or Market Fraud

**Article 108 – (1)** The following events shall not be considered and treated as abuse of information or market fraud:

- (a) Transactions executed for implementation of money, exchange rate and public debt management policies or for financial stabilization by the Turkish Central Bank or any other authorized public entity or by any persons acting for and on behalf of them; and
- (b) Repurchase programs applied according to the Board's regulations, or employee stock option schemes, or other types of allotment of shares to employees of issuer or its affiliates; and
- (c) Trading of or giving orders for trading of or cancellation of orders for capital market instruments solely for the purpose of supporting the market price of these instruments for a predetermined period of time, providing that they are executed in accordance with the regulations of the Board pertaining to price stabilization transactions and market making under this Law.

## Improper Public Offering And Unauthorized Capital Market Activities

**Article 109 – (1)** Those who offer capital market instruments to public without publishing an approved prospectus or who sell capital market instruments without an approved certificate of issue shall be sentenced to imprisonment from two years up to five years and to juridical fine equal to from five thousand days to ten thousand days.

(2) Those who work in capital markets without an authorization shall be sentenced to imprisonment from two years up to five years and to juridical fine equal to from five thousand days up to ten thousand days. If these persons also commit the offence described in the first paragraph, only the offence described in this paragraph is penalized, and penalty is increased by half.

## Breach Of Trust and Forgery

**Article 110 – (1)** The following acts are considered and treated as a qualified type of the offence of breach of trust; provided, however, that the penalty to be imposed according to second paragraph of article 155 of the Law no. 5237 cannot be less than three years:

- (a) To sell, use, pledge, conceal or deny in one's own interests or in interests of third parties the capital market instruments, cash funds or all other types of assets which are entrusted or delivered or provided physically or on book-entry basis due to capital market activities or as custodian or for management purposes or as security or under any other name or for any other reason whatsoever to an investment institution or to a fund board mentioned in article 58 or to collateral responsible mentioned in article 59 hereof;
- (b) To artificially reduce the profit or properties of publicly held companies by entering into camouflaged transactions applying prices, rates or considerations which are explicitly different from the current market prices, rates or considerations with another entity or person who is directly or indirectly related in terms of management, supervision or capital; or
- (c) To artificially reduce profits or properties or artificially prevent the increase of profits or properties through entering into agreements or commercial practices or generating a transaction volume containing different prices, fees, considerations or terms and conditions in non-compliance with the arm's length principle, market usage and practices, and principles of prudence and honesty in trading life, with publicly held companies and collective investment institutions and their affiliates and subsidiaries and persons or entities with whom they are directly or indirectly related in terms of management, audit or shareholding.

(2) Persons who distort, destroy, alter or make inaccessible the records kept by an investment institution or a fund board mentioned in article 58 or a collateral responsible mentioned in article 59 hereof shall be sentenced to imprisonment from two years up to five years and to juridical fine equal to from five thousand days up to ten thousand days. However, legal results of conviction due to provisions of the Law no. 5237 pertaining to forgery in documents are applicable also on the convicts of this offence.

(3) If any offender of the breach of fair offence described in sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) of first paragraph actively regrets and pays to the Treasury an amount equal to the payment specified in fourth paragraph of article 21 hereof, plus an amount equal to twice of it:

- (a) before the start of investigation, no penalty will be imposed; or
- (b) during the investigation stage, penalty will be reduced by half; or
- (c) during the legal proceedings stage before the judgment is issued, penalty will be reduced by one-third.

#### **Failure To Give Information And Documents, Or Prevention Of Audit**

**Article 111 – (1)** A person who refuses to give or fails to give as requested the information, documents and records, including those kept electronically, demanded by the Board or other persons authorized by this Law shall be sentenced to imprisonment from one year up to three years.

(2) A person who precludes the Board or other persons authorized by this Law from performing their duties shall be sentenced to imprisonment from six months up to two years. In the case of coercion or threat on the authorities during this prevention, penalty will be separately imposed according to the relevant articles of the Law no. 5237.

#### **Fraud In Legal Books, Accounting Records And Financial Reports And Statements**

##### **Article 112 – (1)**

- (a) Those who maliciously fail to properly keep the books and records they are legally liable to keep and
- (b) Those who maliciously fail to keep the books and documents they are legally liable to keep for the legal periods of time specified thereinfor

shall be sentenced to imprisonment for six months to two years and to juridical fine up to five thousand days.

##### **(2)**

- (a) Those who maliciously give untrue information in financial statements and reports; or
- (b) Those who maliciously open untrue accounts; or
- (c) Those who maliciously commit any kind of accounting frauds in records; or
- (d) Those who maliciously issue untrue or misleading independent audit and valuation reports and directors or responsible executives of issuers ordering such reports

shall be punished according to the pertinent provisions of the Law nob 5237. However, for penalization due to offence of forgery in special documentation, the forged document is not required to have been used.

(3) Investment institutions and other institutions referred to in Forth Section of Part Three of this Law shall be considered and treated as bank or crediting institution in terms of the offence of prevention or distortion of system or destruction or alteration of data as defined in article 244 of the Law no. 5237.

### **Secrecy Obligation**

**Article 113 – (1)** Those who disclose the information and documents requested in the course of inspection or audit activities conducted by the Board to third parties shall be sentenced to imprisonment for one year to three years and to juridical fine up to five thousand days

### **Security Precautions On Legal Entities**

**Article 114 – (1)** In the case of commission of the offences described in articles 106 and 107 in the interests of a legal entity, the security precautions specifically applicable on legal entities shall be taken about the relevant legal entity.

### **Written Application And Special Investigation Procedures**

**Article 115 – (1)** An investigation for the offences described in or referred to in this Law is subject to a written application filed by the Board to the competent public prosecutor's office. This application is a condition precedent of criminal procedures.

(2) If a criminal case is filed upon application, upon acceptance of the bill of indictment, a copy of the bill of indictment is notified to the Board, and the Board automatically becomes an intervening party to the criminal case.

(3) During the investigation of offences described in or referred to in this Law, the public prosecutor may make use of the professional personnel of the Board. In taking testimony of any persons as suspect or witness of such offences, the professional personnel of the Board may also be present.

(4) If, at the end of an investigation of offences described in or referred to in this Law, it is decided not to start a criminal prosecution, the Board is authorized to appeal against such decision,

(5) The provisions of article 8 of the Law on Regulation of Broadcasts via Internet and on Fight Against Offences Committed by These Broadcasts no. 5651 dated 4/5/2007 are applicable also for the offences described in article 109 hereof

### **Jurisdiction In Subject Matter And In Venue**

**Article 116 – (1)** The offences described in or referred to in this Law shall be in the jurisdiction of the criminal courts of first instance to be appointed as specialized courts by the Supreme Board of Judges and Prosecutors.

## **PART SEVEN Principles on Capital Markets Board**

### **Foundation And Independence**

**Article 117 – (1)** Capital Markets Board, being an administratively and financially autonomous public legal entity, is hereby founded to perform the duties and use the powers vested in by this Law and other applicable laws. The

Board is headquartered in Istanbul. The Board is composed of a Board Decision Making Body and the Presidency organization.

(2) The Board independently performs and uses under its own responsibility the duties and powers vested in it by this Law and other applicable laws. Decisions of the Board cannot be made subject to a discretionary power audit. No organ, body, authority or person may give orders or instructions in order to affect the decisions of the Board.

(3) The Board freely uses its financial resources held within the frame of this Law and other applicable laws to the extent required for performance of its duties or use of its powers and in accordance with the procedures and principles set forth in its own budget.

(4) The Board employs an adequate number of personnel of the required qualifications in order to perform the duties and use the powers vested in it by this Law and other applicable laws.

(5) Moneys, documents and all kinds of properties of the Board are considered and treated as state-owned property, and cannot be attached or pledged.

### **Board Decision Making Authority**

**Article 118 – (1)** The Board Decision Making Authority is composed of seven members, including a chairman and a second chairman. Chairman of the Board is at the same time the head of the Presidency organization.

(2) If and when the Chairman is dismissed due to leave, sickness, domestic or foreign assignments or similar other events, he is deputized by the second chairman, and in his absence as well, by the deputy chairman.

### **Principles On Chairman And Members Of The Board**

**Article 119 – (1)** Chairman and members of the Board are required to satisfy and meet the following qualifications:

- (a) All conditions and qualifications listed in sub-paragraphs (1), (4), (5), (6) and (7) of paragraph (A) of article 48 of the Public Servants Law no. 657 dated 14/7/1965; and
- (b) At least to be a university graduate.

(2) Members are appointed by the Council of Ministers from among nominees who have had a past experience of at least ten years in financial markets, economy, finance, business administration, capital markets, banking or fiscal issues or in branches of law relating to these fields after university, or who have served as faculty members in the disciplines listed above since at least ten years. At least one of the members is required to be a graduate of the faculty of law, and at least one member must have gained the ten-years' experience mentioned in this paragraph in private sector capital market institutions, and at least one member must have worked for the Board for at least ten years. The Council of Ministers appoints one of the members as Chairman. Decree of appointment is published in the Official Gazette. The Board Decision Making Body elects one of the members as second chairman and one other member as deputy chairman.

(3) Chairman and members of the Board take an oath before the First Presidency Board of the Supreme Court of Appeals verifying that they will perform their duties with great care, honesty and neutrality and will not breach and will not cause others breach the laws throughout their terms of office. Application for oath is considered as an urgent matter by the Supreme Court of Appeals. Board Chairman and members are not considered to have come into office unless and until they take oath.

### **Terms Of Office Of Board Chairman And Members**

**Article 120 – (1)** Term of office of Chairman and members of the Board is five years. Chairman and members whose term of office is over may be re-appointed for only once. In the case of vacancy in Chairmanship or a

membership, the vacated seat is filled in by an appointment within maximum two months in accordance with the principles set down in article 119 hereof.

(2) Chairman and members of the Board cannot be dismissed for any reason whatsoever before the end of their terms of office. Provided, however, that Chairman and members of the Board who will be incapable of working for a period of longer than six months due to severe sickness or disability, or have lost the conditions and qualifications of appointment, or are in conflict with the provisions of article 121 hereinbelow, or are convicted of an offence relating to their duties by a final court verdict are dismissed with a prior consent of the Prime Minister before the end of their terms of office. Furthermore, if a temporary disability continues for more than six months, membership of the affected member falls.

## Prohibitions

**Article 121 – (1)** The Board Chairman and members may publish scientific publications, and give lectures and conferences, and collect copyrights and tuitions and conference fees relating thereto, providing that they do not fail in performance of their basic duties. However, unless otherwise permitted by a special statute, they cannot assume any public or private position or duty beyond and other than their official duties in the Board, and cannot accept a managerial duty in societies, foundations, cooperatives or similar other organizations, and cannot engage in trade or self-employment activities. Nor can they acquire or hold shares in partnerships or institutions which are regulated and supervised by the Board, or act or serve as arbitrator or expert surveyor.

(2) The Board Chairman and members are, within thirty days following the date they take office in the Board, under obligation to dispose of by selling all kinds of capital market instruments of institutions which are regulated and supervised by the Board, out of the capital market instruments owned and held by them or their spouse and children under guardianship, except for debt instruments and pension fund units issued by the Treasury Undersecretariat, to third parties other than spouse, foster children, blood relatives up to third degree and relatives by marriage up to second degree. A member who does not perform his obligations arising out of this paragraph within thirty days after the date he takes office will be deemed to have resigned from membership.

(3) The Board Chairman and members and the Board personnel cannot disclose to third parties, other than legally authorized authorities, or use in their own interests or in interests of third parties, any of the confidential information and trade secrets they acquire during performance of their duties in the Board, even if they have retired or resigned from office.

(4) The Board Chairman and members cannot take office in investment institutions for two years following the date they retire or resign from the Board. Any person who breaches this paragraph will be penalized as specified in article 4 of the Law on Prohibited Jobs After Termination of Civil Service no. 2531 dated 2/10/1981.

(5) The Board Chairman and members are subject to the provisions of the Law on Declaration of Property, and Fight Against Bribery and Corruptions no. 3628 dated 19/4/1990.

(6) The Board's professional personnel cannot, for two years after they retire or resign from the Board, assume any office in any one of publicly held companies and capital market institutions inspected or audited by them during the recent two years

## Duties And Powers Of The Board Decision Making Body

**Article 122 – (1)** The Board Decision Making Body composed of Chairman and members of the Board performs the following duties and uses the following powers in addition to those specifically mentioned in this Law and other applicable laws:

- (a) To discuss and resolve on the relevant draft regulations and communiqués, application files, and inspection and audit reports prepared by the Board personnel, with regard to the Board and to the fields of regulation and supervision of the Board;

- (b) To discuss and resolve on the Board's budget, final account and yearly activity report;
- (c) To appoint the Board vice chairmen and department heads upon nomination by the Chairman;
- (d) To discuss and resolve on motions relating to opening of domestic or foreign representation offices, and purchase, sale, construction or lease of real properties;
- (e) To resolve on all kinds of transactions, including, but not limited to, settlement, release, discharge and arbitration, with regard to claims, receivables and debts of the Board with third parties; and
- (f) To resolve on membership in international organizations dealing with the fields of activity of the Board, and payment of subscriptions to such organizations, and making contributions to the projects, related to the Board's fields of activity, of international organizations where the Republic of Turkey is a member.

(2) The Board Decision Making Body may delegate to the Board Chairman the duties and powers of the Board mentioned in sub-paragraphs (e), (f) and (k) of first paragraph of article 128 hereinbelow, by a written decision and within definitely delineated borders.

### **Operating Principles Of Board Decision Making Body**

**Article 123 – (1)** The Board Decision Making Body basically meets with an agenda at all times if and when deemed necessary, but at least fortnightly. Motions, documents and exhibits included in the meeting agenda determined by the Board Chairman will be circulated to members no later than three days prior to the date of meeting, and providing that it is accepted by majority of the members present in the meeting, any matters not included in the meeting agenda may also be discussed in the Board meeting. In this case, the decisions taken are documented by a memorandum. The Board meetings may be held in the Board head offices or representation offices or in other centers within the borders of Turkey, as may be decided by the Board. Holding of meetings without an agenda, but with participation of all members who do not have a justified excuse for absence, and remote participation in the Board meetings, and other issues relating to meetings shall be regulated by an internal bylaws to be issued by the Board. Upon demand of a member, the Board Decision Making Body may designate also the Board representation offices out of the Board head offices as the permanent workplace of the relevant member.

(2) A Board member who fails to attend a total of five meetings in a calendar year without a justified excuse such as assignment, leave or sickness will be deemed to have resigned from the Board, as will be documented by a Board decision and notified to the relevant Minister.

(3) The Board Decision Making Body meets with presence of minimum five members and takes its decisions with affirmative vote of minimum four members. Members cannot use abstention vote. In the case of equality of votes, the Chairman or in the absence of Chairman, the Second Chairman shall have a cast vote.

(4) The Board Chairman and members cannot take part in discussions and voting relating to issues related to themselves or their spouse, foster children and blood relatives up to and including third degree or relatives by marriage up to and including second degree, as will be separately stated in the written decisions pertaining thereto.

(5) Meetings of the Board Decision Making Body are basically confidential. If needed for consultation purposes, the Board's personnel or third persons out of the Board, who are deemed useful and necessary by the Board Decision Making Body, may also be invited to meetings of the Board Decision Making Body. However, the Board decisions cannot be taken in presence of outsiders.

(6) Without prejudice to the provisions of this Law, the Board Decision Making Body makes public through appropriate means, also including internet, its decisions other than those which are required to be kept confidential for the sake of national economy and public order.

(7) Professional and ethical principles to be followed by the Board members and personnel and other matters relating to operating procedures and principles of the Board Decision Making Body shall be regulated by a regulation to be enacted by the Board.

#### **CHAIRMAN:**

**Article 124 – (1)** Chairman, being the top executive of the Board, is in charge of overall management and representation of the Board.

(2) Duties and powers of the Chairman are as listed below:

- (a) To determine agenda, date and time of meetings, and chair the meetings, of the Board Decision Making Body; and
- (b) To finalize and present to the Board Decision Making Body the proposals of the Board service units; and
- (c) To ensure that decisions of the Board Decision Making Body are published and implemented, and to monitor and check the implementation thereof;
- (d) To ensure that the Board's yearly budget, financial statements, activity reports and performance reports are prepared in accordance with the Board's strategies and targets, and to present the same to the Board Decision Making Body;
- (e) To ensure that the service units operate efficiently and consistently, and to resolve conflicts of duty and power between the Board's service units, and if required, to vest additional duties and responsibilities in the service units;
- (f) To assess and evaluate the strategies, policies and laws relating to the fields of activity of the Board, and to assess the performance measures of Presidency and personnel of the Board;
- (g) To conduct and handle relations of the Board with other organizations;
- (h) To appoint the Board personnel other than those to be appointed by the Board Decision Making Body;
- (i) To make press statements and publish press bulletins to press and media in the name of the Board;
- (j) To ensure that the Board's budget is implemented, and its revenues are collected, and its expenditures other than those within the authorization of the Board Decision Making Body are spent;
- (k) To determine the principles of foundation and modus operandi of the internal organization required for the scientific studies and researches mentioned in sub-paragraph (k) of first paragraph of article 128 hereinbelow;
- (l) To perform other duties relating to management and operation of the Board; and
- (m) If and when an investment agreement issued as per this Law and other applicable laws is related to fields requiring sector specialization, to request other public entities and administrations to assign specialized personnel or give working reports on certain fields and issues.

(3) The Chairman may delegate a part of his duties and powers, not related to the Board Decision Making Body, to his subordinates by a written decision and within definitely delineated borders

### Vice Chairmen Of Board

**Article 125 – (1)** Five vice chairmen of the Board are appointed by a decision of the Board to assist the Chairman in performance of his duties. Board vice chairmen are required to satisfy and meet the qualifications set forth in second paragraph of article 119 hereinabove.

### Service Units

**Article 126 – (1)** The Board is composed of twelve service units organized in the form of departments. New departments up to half of the initial number of service units may be organized, or the existing departments may be closed or combined, providing that total number does not fall below twelve, or some of their duties and powers may be delegated to the newly founded departments, by a proposal of the Board Decision Making Body and with prior consent of the relevant Minister. The service units will be regulated by a regulation to be enacted by a decree of the Council of Ministers upon a proposal of the Board Decision Making Body, in compliance with the fields of activity, duties and powers set forth in this Law.

(2) Representation offices may be opened at cities deemed necessary within the borders of Turkey by a decision of the Board Decision Making Body, or in foreign countries having intensive relations in terms of capital markets by a decree of the Council of Ministers. The procedures and principles as to the locations of foreign representation offices, and duration thereof, and operating procedures and principles of representation offices, and characteristics, number, and term of office of, and fees or wages payable to the personnel to be employed in representation offices, and items of expenditures other than personnel wages, and procedures of expenditures shall be determined by the Council of Ministers.

(3) The Board Decision Making Body may establish a Research Center Directorate for the scientific studies and researches mentioned in sub-paragraph (k) of first paragraph of article 128 hereinbelow.

### Board Personnel

**Article 127 – (1)** Permanent duties and services required by the assignments vested in the Board by this Law and other applicable laws and regulations will be conducted by the Board personnel comprising the professional personnel, the Board presidency advisors and other personnel in other staff positions named in the list attached hereto in exhibit (1). The professional personnel are composed of the Board vice chairmen, department heads, deputy department heads, and senior specialists, specialists and vice specialists on capital markets, and senior specialist lawyers, specialist lawyers and vice specialist lawyers, and senior specialists, specialists and vice specialists on informatics. The Board presidency advisors, group heads and managers who have already become eligible for the professional personnel status in the Board will also be deemed and treated as professional personnel.

(2) The Board personnel are subject to and governed by the Law no. 657, other than the matters dealt with in this Law.

(3) Staff positions of the Board are shown in the list attached hereto in exhibit (1). Providing that the total number of staff positions specified in the said list is not exceeded, and limited by the existing job positions and the job positions named in the lists attached to the Governmental Decree in Force of Law on Overall Staff Positions and Procedures no. 190 dated 13/12/1983, the Board Decision Making Body shall be authorized to determine the procedures and principles relating to change and use of the existing staff positions, job positions and degrees.



- (4) The Board personnel, other than the professional personnel, cannot be temporarily assigned to other public entities and institutions.
- (5) Those to be appointed as vice specialist on capital markets, or vice specialist lawyer, or vice specialist on informatics shall be subject to the provisions of supplementary article 41 of the Law no. 657.
- (6) The working procedures and principles of the Board personnel shall be regulated by a regulation to be enacted by the Board.

### **Duties, Powers And Responsibilities Of The Board**

**Article 128 – (1)** Duties, powers and responsibilities of the Board are as follows:

- (a) To take necessary actions so as to ensure that the duties vested in by this Law are performed, and the practices ordered by this Law are implemented, and the results foreseen herein are attained;
- (b) To take general and special decisions for timely, adequate and accurate public disclosures;
- (c) To determine the conditions and operating principles relating to independent audit, rating, valuation and information systems audit of the institutions and companies covered by this Law, and to announce the lists of those satisfying these conditions;
- (ç) For the sake of financial stability and for compliance with requirements of national and international laws and regulations, to enter into all kinds of cooperation and exchange of information with other financial regulatory and supervisory authorities;
- (d) To sign bilateral or multilateral memoranda of agreement and enter into all kinds of cooperation with regard to capital markets with its equivalent foreign authorities and bodies in charge of regulation and supervision of capital markets, as to mutual exchange of information, and as to fulfillment of requests of documentation, and as to conduct of audits in the service providers working within the frame of a written agreement signed with head offices, branches or affiliates in Turkey of the authorities and organizations operating in capital markets in foreign countries, and as to the required administrative precautions, and as to sharing of costs of such activities, within the frame of principles of reciprocity and protection of professional secrets;
- (e) To regulate the procedures and principles applicable on and audit the new capital market institutions and instruments for the sake of development of capital markets;
- (f) To determine the principles of certification of officers of publicly held companies and of executives and other employees of capital market institutions with regard to professional education, professional competency and professional qualifications, and to establish centers or firms to that end, and to determine their operating procedures and principles;
- (g) To determine the procedures and principles to be followed by persons and entities who will make investment advices to investors and savors in capital markets;
- (ğ) To determine the operating and working principles of the Public Disclosure Platform, and the procedures and principles of notifications and applications to be filed to the Board pursuant to this Law;
- (h) To determine the procedures and principles relating to operation of information systems of capital market institutions, publicly held companies, exchanges and self-regulatory institutions, and relating to audit of them within the frame of this Law;

(l) To request working groups comprising local or foreign academicians or practitioners, or individuals, to conduct national or international scientific studies and researches on capital markets, for use in the preferences as to existing or future regulations;

(i) To take part in the works of international organizations, or financial, economic and professional organizations, where the Board is a member, and of international organizations where Turkey is a direct member, and to develop joint projects with and make contributions to projects of these organizations; and

(j) To enroll in international organizations, or financial, economic and professional organizations dealing with the fields of activity of the Board.

(k) If, at the board of directors of publicly held corporations, meeting quorum cannot be provided as a result of expiry of terms of office of all or part of the board members, or as a result of their membership positions having become vacated, and if it is not possible to convene the general assembly meeting within 30 days following expiry of the terms of office or vacation of membership positions, for the purpose of electing the new members to replace those whose terms of office have expired or whose membership positions have become vacated, or if sufficient number of board members cannot be elected at the general assembly meeting, the Board shall appoint, ex officio, board members, fulfilling the independence criteria listed in the Board's corporate management principles, of minimum number allowing the board of directors' meeting quorum to be provided, in order to serve until the time the general assembly of the publicly held corporation elects new members, or other members are appointed by the Board, in their lieu. Until the time the Board makes appointments for the board membership positions of the publicly held corporation which became vacated due to expiry of members' terms of office, the board members whose terms of office have expired shall continue their office. For the vacant membership positions remaining after the ex officio appointment made by the Board, it will request the shareholders of the publicly held corporation to nominate persons in such number as equals to three times of the number of vacant membership positions, who fulfil the independence criteria listed in the corporate management principles. The Board shall designate this request by considering the share percentages of the shareholders held in the publicly held corporation and shall make the appointment pursuant to the principles set out in this subparagraph. In publicly held corporations which did not hold their ordinary general assembly meetings in due time for two consecutive accounting periods and whose board members were appointed by the Board partly or in whole as per the above paragraphs, the powers of the general assembly may be exercised by the YTM (Investor Compensation Centre). The principles and procedures regarding implementation of this subparagraph shall be designated by the Board.

(2) The Board uses its powers by engaging in regulatory transactions and taking special decisions. The Board may decide to publish its decisions in the Official Gazette or in appropriate means of communication, including internet. Regulations and communiqués in the form of regulatory transactions are put into effect through promulgation in the Official Gazette.

(3) The Board may use and disclose to the relevant authorities within the frame of memoranda of agreements to be signed with them in accordance with the relevant regulations, all or any kinds of information and documents received from its equivalent organizations in charge of regulation and supervision of capital markets in foreign countries, except for requests of juridical bodies or prosecution of offences.

(4) The Board Presidency organization may demand comments and information from ministries and other relevant public or private persons or entities in performance of its duties. The ministries and other relevant public or private persons or entities are obliged to satisfy such demands and to facilitate the performance of duties of the Board officers. The Board reports to the relevant authorities all and any matters legally required to be followed up by other authorities.

## Transparency And Accountability

**Article 129 – (1)** Yearly activity report is published in the Board's internet website and sent to the relevant Minister by the end of June of the year following the reporting period. The Board gives information about its activities and operations to the Plan and Budget Commission of the Turkish Grand National Assembly at least once a year.

**(2)** The Board gives information to the Council of Ministers if and when deemed necessary by the relevant Ministry.

**(3)** Regulations of the Board and all and any amendments and updates therein shall be continuously published in the Board's internet website.

**(4)** Format and contents of and procedures and principles relating to periodical reports to be issued by the Board shall be determined by the Board.

## Audit Of Board Budget, Expenditures And Operations

**Article 130 – (1)** The income of the Board is basically required to meet its expenditures. The Board's budget is prepared and approved pursuant to the procedures and principles set forth in the pertinent provisions of the Public Fiscal Management and Control Law no. 5018 dated 10/12/2003.

**(2)** Should the income of the Board fail to meet its expenditures, the deficit thereof will be closed by Treasury grants from the overall national budget.

**(3)** Issuers or public offerors are under obligation to deposit a fee equal to zero point three percent of the issue value of capital market instruments to be offered for sale, but in any case not less than their nominal value, for recording as income to the Board's budget. A fee equal to five per one hundred thousand of net asset value of investment funds and variable capital investment partnerships as of the last business day of quarterly periods is also deposited in the Board's account within the following ten business days. The Board Decision Making Body may decide different rates by considering the nature, maturity or issuer of the relevant capital market instruments, providing that the rates specified in this paragraph are not exceeded. The Council of Ministers shall be authorized to increase the rates of fees up to twice the legal rates or to reduce back to legal rates.

**(4)** Starting from the income pertaining to year 2015, in connection with all the income, other than interest income, of stock exchanges and other organised markets, central clearing institutions, central depository institutions, which are regulated and supervised by the Board, as well as of the CRA, the amounts which will be found by increasing, every year, their amounts of income registered with the Board based on their 2014 income, by the arithmetic mean of rates of variation from the month of December to the month of December of the previous year, of the Consumer Price Index and Domestic Producer Price Index calculated by Turkish Statistics Institution for Turkey in general, shall be registered by the Board as income to the Board's budget. For the institutions within the scope of the paragraph, which will be founded after the date of effect of this paragraph, a certain ratio to be designated by the Board for each calendar year (maximum ten per cent), of their all income, other than their interest income, starting from the year following the year in which they are founded, shall be registered by the Board as income to the Board's budget. However, the time and amounts of payment to be made as per this paragraph shall be notified by the Board to the relevant institutions at least thirty days in advance, considering the cash status of the Board, during the calendar year following the year in which the income was obtained. The amounts not claimed during a calendar year shall be added to the amount to be paid in the following years, and may be claimed by the Board through the same procedure.

Maximum ten percent of all income, except for interest income, of exchanges and other organized markets, central clearing organizations, central depository institutions and CRA, regulated and audited by the Board, may be recorded by the Board as income in the Board's budget. However, the timing and amounts of payments to be effected according to this article are required to be notified by the Board to the relevant institutions no later than thirty days in advance during the calendar year following the year of income, by considering the cash flow situation

of the Board. Amounts not claimed within one calendar year are added to amounts payable in the subsequent years, and may be claimed by the Board in accordance with the same procedures. From which institutions and at which rates these revenues will be collected will be determined by the Board separately for each calendar year.

(5) By the end of June every year, the Board issues an activity report containing its decisions taken for its operations and activities of the previous year, and secondary regulations pertaining thereto, and analyzing their economic and social effects. Activity report further contains the comparison and evaluation of performance goals and practical results of the Board.

(6) Principles relating to sales and similar other transactions of fixtures and assets of the Board, and budget applications, and expenditures, and the Board's internal audit principles and procedures shall be regulated by a regulation to be enacted by the Board, without prejudice to provisions of the Law no. 5018 applicable on the Board.

### **Wages, And Fiscal And Social Rights And Benefits**

**Article 131 – (1)** The Board Chairman and members and the Board personnel are paid the payments currently paid to equivalent peer personnel as a part of fiscal and social rights and benefits stipulated as per supplementary article 11 of the Governmental Decree in Force of Law no. 375 dated 27/6/1989, within the frame of the same procedures and principles. The Board Chairman and members and the Board personnel are considered as equivalent to the peer personnel also in terms of pension rights. Payments made to equivalent peer personnel not subject to any tax withholding or other legal deductions will not be subject to any tax withholding or other legal deductions under this Law as well.

### **Resignation Of Board Chairman And Members**

**Article 132 – (1)** The Board Chairman and members sever their relations with their previous job position as long as they take office in the Board. However, the civil servants appointed as a Board member will, upon termination of their term of office in the Board or if and when they wish to resign from the Board and apply to their former organization within thirty days thereafter, be appointed to an appropriate and equivalent job position, fit for their vested rights, by the appointing authority within one month thereafter, providing that they have not lost their qualifications for becoming a civil servant. Until the date of appointment, the Board continues to make all kinds of wage payments to them. Any person who does not work in a public entity or administration and is appointed as Chairman or member of the Board will, after termination of his duty in the Board as stated above, be eligible to receive all kinds of his wage payments from the Board until he starts a new job or work. However, the payments to be continued to be made by the Board to ex-members of the Board as stated in this article cannot exceed two years in total.

(2) Durations of the term of office of the Board Chairman and members in the Board will be counted as a part of their professional service as per the laws applicable on them. This provision is applicable also for the Board Chairman and members transferred from academic staffs of universities, without prejudice to the conditions of eligibility for academic titles.

### **Civil And Criminal Liabilities Of Board Chairman And Members And Board Personnel**

**Article 133 – (1)** Investigations relating to the offences alleged to have been committed by the Board Chairman and members and the Board personnel with regard to their duties in the Board are carried out under general law provisions with a prior permission of the relevant Minister for the Board chairman and members, and with a prior permission of the Chairman for the Board personnel. For the investigations relating to the offences alleged to be committed in complicity by the Board members and the Board personnel, the permission for investigation of the Board personnel will also be received from the relevant Minister.

(2) Investigations relating to the offences alleged to have been committed by the Board Chairman and members and the Board personnel with regard to their duties in the Board may be permitted only if and when there

are clear and sufficient signs and evidences proving that these persons have derived personal benefits from their acts by acting with the intention of deriving personal benefits or causing harm to the Board. If an investigation permission is given, it is duly notified to the relevant persons. Decisions to or not to give permission for an investigation may be appealed in the State Council within fifteen days following the date of notification of the decision. Even if permission is given, the investigation is not started until the end of the period of appeal or until a final court judgment is taken upon appeal to the State Council.

**(3)** Investigations and prosecutions initiated for offences alleged to have been committed by the Board Chairman and members and the Board personnel with regard to their duties in the Board, even if they have in the meantime resigned from the Board, will be handled and traced by a lawyer to be appointed under an attorney retainer agreement signed with the lawyer upon demand of the relevant member or personnel. All court expenses of such legal proceedings and an attorney fee up to fifteen times the then-current attorney fee specified in the minimum attorney fee tariff declared by the Turkish Association of Bars will be paid out of the Board's budget.

**(4)** All kinds of actions for damages and actions of debt commenced or to be commenced against the Board Chairman and members and the Board personnel with regard to the decisions, acts and transactions of the Board pertaining to the duties specified in this Law, either during performance of their duties or after termination of their duties will be deemed to have been brought forward against the Board. In this legal actions, the Board will be sued. The provisions of the preceding third paragraph relating to attorney fees and court expenses are applicable also for these civil cases. If the court judges and decides against the Board, and the Board makes a payment upon finalization of the verdict, the Board claims this payment from the relevant persons. However, the Board may claim this payment from the relevant persons only if and when the court judgment on their faults is finalized.

### **Jurisdiction Against Decisions Of The Board**

**Article 134 – (1)** Administrative lawsuits against decisions of the Board are in the jurisdiction of administrative courts. Applications against decisions of the Board are considered as urgent matters.

### **Keeping And Disclosure Of Secrets**

**Article 135 – (1)** The Board Chairman and members and the Board personnel cannot disclose to third parties, other than those authorized pursuant to this Law or special statutes, and cannot use in their own interests or in interests of third parties, any of the secrets they learn or acquire during performance of their duties. Service providers of the Board and their employees are also subject to this law provision. This confidentiality obligation continues after they resign from office.

**(2)** For the purposes of this Law, the information and documents to be disclosed by the Board pursuant to memoranda of agreement to be signed by the Board with its equivalent supervisory authorities in foreign countries are not considered as a part of the secrets cited in the first paragraph hereinabove. The Board is liable to assure the confidentiality of all secrets to be acquired through memoranda of agreement or through other ways. Information and documents obtained by the Board and considered and treated as secrets may be used in public offering, in foundation and operating licenses, in audit of activities, in checking of compliance with laws and regulations, and in administrative lawsuits that may be commenced against the decisions of the Board. Information and documents obtained by the Board and considered and treated as secrets as per this paragraph may not be disclosed or provided to any person or entity, other than public prosecutors and criminal courts as a requirement of criminal investigations or prosecutions, and other than the Board Chairman and members and the Board personnel who may demand such information and documents for use in investigations and prosecutions commenced due to the offences alleged to have been committed by them with regard to their duties, even if they have in the meantime resigned from the Board. The Board cannot be held liable for disclosure of secret information being the subject matter of a court judgment.

**(3)** If the memorandum of agreement mentioned in the second paragraph gives an authorization of sharing within clearly delineated borders, or if it is not based on reciprocity, or if the counterparty is not held subject to the

same degree of secrecy obligations, then the provisions of the second paragraph pertaining to secrecy shall be applicable by analogy.

## **PART EIGHT**

### **Final and Transitory Provisions**

#### **Reserved Provisions And Exceptions**

**Article 136 – (1)** The provisions of this Law, excluding the article 47 hereof, shall not be applied on the Turkish Central Bank (hereafter “TCB”), TCB transactions and operations, markets in TCB, and payment and security transfer and settlement systems established in TCB.

**(2)** Capital market instruments issued by TCB or the Treasury Undersecretariat or asset leasing companies founded within the frame of the Law on Regulation of Public Finance and Debt Management no. 4749 dated 28/03/2002 will not be subject to the provisions of first and second sections of part two of this Law, excluding the article 13 hereof, to the provisions of article 31 and first paragraph of article 69 hereof. Principles relating to application of the provisions of articles 13 and 80 on capital market instruments issued by TCB, the Treasury Undersecretariat and asset leasing companies founded within the frame of the Law no. 4749 will be determined by the Board, without prejudice to the regulations pertaining to tracing, custody and trading of these instruments in and through TCB.

**(3)** The provisions of the Law on Turkish Central Bank no. 1211 dated 14/01/1970 and other applicable laws giving duties and powers to TCB are, however, reserved.

**(4)** Special status to be applied in the case of membership of TCB in the institutions within the scope of this Law, and principles applicable on transactions of TCB in the said institutions will be determined by the relevant regulations to be issued by the Board in due consultation with TCB.

**(5)** Banks which sell their own capital market instruments by offering to public or without any public offering, and banks dealing with the investment services and activities as defined in this Law, shall be governed by and subject to the provisions of this Law, solely for their related activities and operations. The provisions of this Law are not applicable on banks, in terms of number of partners. Principles relating to foundation, supervision, accounting and independent audit standards of banks and insurance companies governed by the Law no. 5411, and dividends to be distributed by banks the shares of which are sold through public offering, and use of equity of revaluation increase fund shall be subject to the special statutes pertaining thereto.

**(6)** The Treasury Undersecretariat and asset rental companies founded within the frame of the Law no. 4749 are exempted from provisions of article 61, and first paragraph of article 71 and article 130 of this Law.

**(7)** Provisions of article 53 of the Law on the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey and on Chambers and Commodity Exchanges no. 5174 dated 18/5/2004 pertaining to certificates of commodity and futures contracts are, however, reserved.

#### **Miscellaneous Provisions**

**Article 137 – (1)** Provisions of article 47 may be applicable also on guarantee agreements on all or some capital market instruments which are not traced on book-entry basis in CRA, by a decree of the Council of Ministers.

**(2)** Strike and lock-out are prohibited in services rendered and offered by exchanges and other organized marketplaces, central clearing institutions, central depository institutions and CRA which are founded and operating in accordance with this Law.

(3) Registering in the share book the shares of publicly held companies purchased as a result of exchange transactions cannot be refrained. Shares of these companies not listed and traded in the exchange shall be governed by articles 493 and 494 of the Code no. 6102.

### **Borsa İstanbul Anonim Şirketi**

**Article 138 – (1)** A joint-stock company named “Borsa İstanbul Anonim Şirketi” is hereby incorporated to engage in the exchange activities and operations listed in article 67 and subject to the provisions of this Law. Aforesaid Company will be automatically and ex officio registered in the trade registry as of the effective date of this Law without any further transaction. Upon registration in the trade registry of its articles of association to be prepared as per second paragraph of this article, Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc. will be deemed to have received the license as to foundation and operations of exchanges and market operators as specified in article 65 of this Law.

(2) Articles of association of Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc. containing its objectives and fields of business, amount of capital, capital shares, principles of transfer of shares, privileges to be granted to shares without being subject to fourth paragraph of article 478 of the Code no. 6102, dissolution and liquidation, transfer, merger, termination, public offering limitations, organs, committees and their formation, composition, duties, powers and responsibilities, and working procedures and principles, and accounts, and distribution of profits and organization and other issues will be prepared by the Board and will, following receipt of approval of the relevant Minister, be directly registered and announced within maximum six months following the effective date of this Law, without being bound by general provisions pertaining thereto. This period of time may be extended up to maximum three months by a decision of the relevant Minister. Until the articles of association is registered and announced, the current provisions of the laws and regulations pertaining to foundation and organization of Securities Exchanges, which are not in conflict with this Law, shall be continued to be enforced.

(3) Transactions to be conducted for foundation and registration of Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc. and for preparation, registration and announcement of its articles of association as per this article are exempted from public fees, and documents to be issued therefor are exempted from stamp duty. No fee will be charged on registration in the trade registry.

(4) Legal personality of Istanbul Stock Exchange incorporated by virtue of the Governmental Decree in Force of Law no. 91 repealed by this Law and legal personality of Istanbul Gold Exchange founded by virtue of article 40/A of the Law no. 2499 repealed by this Law will terminate upon registration of the articles of association of Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc.

(5) Upon registration of the articles of association of Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc., all kinds of assets and liabilities, receivables and payables, rights and obligations, all kinds of records, including those kept in electronic media, and other documents of Istanbul Stock Exchange and Istanbul Gold Exchange will be deemed to have automatically been transferred as a whole to Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc. without any further act, excluding the exceptions cited in this article. Provided, however, that the title on the real property mentioned in the list (2) attached hereto, which is owned by Istanbul Stock Exchange, together with its annexes and accessories, is hereby transferred to the Board. Real properties belonging to Istanbul Stock Exchange as listed in the list (3) attached hereto will ex officio be registered in the land registries in the name of the Treasury without any cost and be deemed to have been allocated to the Ministry of National Education. Prior consent of the Ministry of Finance is sought for about the purpose of use of the real properties listed in the list (3) attached hereto. Real properties belonging to Istanbul Stock Exchange as listed in the list (4) attached hereto will ex officio be registered in the land registries in the name of the Treasury without any cost. Real properties listed in the list (4), together with buildings thereon, are directly allocated for use by Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc. for a total period of twenty-nine years, with a grace period of the initial fifteen years thereof. The Treasury Undersecretariat is hereby authorized to sign a protocol with Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc. with regard to purpose of use, fee for use, principles of construction, building and alteration and other issues relating to the real properties allocated for use by Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc. Following the transfer to be effected pursuant to first sentence of this paragraph, the positive difference between assets and liabilities, other than the real properties transferred to the Treasury and the Board, shall constitute the initial capital of Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc. Transactions

to be effected as per this paragraph are exempted from the succession and inheritance tax and other public fees, and documents to be issued hereunder are exempted from stamp duty.

(6) In the articles of association of Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc., forty-nine percent of capital shares of Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc. will be registered in the name of the Treasury, with all transactions relating to this shareholding to be conducted by the Treasury Undersecretariat, while fifty-one percent thereof will be registered in the name of Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc. for use primarily for the purposes stated below:

- (a) Following the registration and announcement of the articles of association, four percent of the share capital will be costlessly and equally transferred to the existing members of Istanbul Stock Exchange, and zero-point three percent thereof will be costlessly and equally transferred to the existing members of Istanbul Gold Exchange, and one percent thereof will be transferred to the Association of Capital Markets of Turkey without any cost.
- (b) Within one month following the date of registration of the articles of association of Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc., upon demand of the existing partners of Futures and Options Exchange Co., Inc. and in consideration of the shares they hold in Futures and Options Exchange Co., Inc., the existing partners of Futures and Options Exchange Co., Inc. will be allotted and given shares of Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc. at a rate to be calculated by multiplying their existing capital shares by 0.05. This transfer of shares will not be subject to article 7 of the Law no. 4054 dated 7/12/1994.
- (c) A portion of capital shares of Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc. may, if required, be transferred with a prior approval of the Board to the relevant parties in consideration of establishment of strategic partnerships and/or to other exchanges and market or system operators in consideration of transfer of technology, know-how and competencies.
- (d) Any capital shares remaining in the possession of Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc. by the end of three years following the promulgation date of this Law will, if any, be transferred to the Treasury without any cost.

(7) **The public offering or sale by other methods of** within the frame of this Law of the state-owned shares of Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc. can be executed in accordance with the procedures and principles to be determined by the Council of Ministers upon proposal of the Minister to whom the Treasury Undersecretariat is affiliated.

(8) Until chairman and members of board of directors of Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc. are elected in accordance with its articles of association, the current chairman of Istanbul Stock Exchange will serve as the chairman of board of directors of Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc., and the current members of board of directors of Istanbul Stock Exchange will serve as members of board of directors of Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc.. In the case of a vacancy in chairmanship or directorships until the chairman and members of board of directors of Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc. are elected, the Treasury Undersecretariat will appoint the replacement chairman or directors as the case may be. Chairman and members of board of directors of Istanbul Gold Exchange will be deemed to have resigned from their offices as of the date of registration of the articles of association of Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc.

(9) (a) The provisions of the laws and regulations pertaining to Istanbul Stock Exchange and Istanbul Gold Exchange, which are not in conflict with the provisions of this Law, shall be continued to be enforced until the effective date of new regulations to be issued and enacted under this Law.

(b) References made in the laws and regulations to Istanbul Stock Exchange and Istanbul Gold Exchange will be deemed to have been made to Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc. as the case may be.

(10) Upon termination of legal personality of Istanbul Stock Exchange and Istanbul Gold Exchange, all kinds of ongoing exchange activities and all other pending deals, transactions and operations is conducted by Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc. In the present or future lawsuits and execution proceedings brought forward by or against these exchanges, Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc. will automatically become a party thereto.



(11) Until the state-owned shares in capital of Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc. decreases below fifty percent, all and any accounts and operations of Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc. and its affiliates will be audited only by an independent audit firm to be selected by the Treasury Undersecretariat from among the independent audit firms included in the list of the Board. Independent audit report will simultaneously be presented to the Board and the Treasury Undersecretariat. First and third paragraphs of article 72 of this Law are applicable also on Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc.

(12) Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc. and its affiliates and subsidiaries are not governed by or subject to the laws, regulations, practices and restrictions applied on public entities, administrations and partnerships more than half of the capital of which are state-owned and which are founded as per special statutes, including public economic enterprises. The Treasury Undersecretariat and asset rental companies founded pursuant to the Law no. 4749 are, for the securities issued by them, exempted from the registration fee and quotation fee payable by issuers to Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc.

(13) Provisions of the Governmental Decree in Force of Law no. 233, and the Governmental Decree in Force of Law no. 399, dated 22/1/1990, on Regulation of Personnel Regime of Public Economic Enterprises and Repealing of Some Articles of the Governmental Decree in Force of Law no. 233, and the Law no. 657, and the Governmental Decree in Force of Law no. 631, dated 4/7/2001, on Regulations in Fiscal and Social Rights and Benefits of Civil Servants and Other Public Officers and on Revisions in Some Laws and Governmental Decrees in Force of Law, and the Governmental Decree in Force of Law no. 190, and the Allowances Law no. 6245 dated 10/2/1954, and the Law on Supreme Court of Public Accounts no. 6085 dated 3/12/2010, and the Law on Audit of Public Economic Enterprises and Funds by the Turkish Grand National Assembly no. 3346 dated 2/4/1987, and the Public Competitive Biddings Law no. 4734 dated 4/1/2002, and the Public Competitive Bidding Contracts Law no. 4735 dated 5/1/2002, and the State Bid Tenders Law no. 2886 dated 8/9/1983, and the Motor Vehicles Law no. 237 dated 5/1/1961, and the State-owned Houses Law no. 2946 dated 9/11/1983, and the Law on Organization of Press Advertisements Agency no. 195 dated 2/1/1961, and the Law on Privatization Practices no. 4046 dated 24/11/1994, and the Governmental Decree in Force of Law no. 527 dated 18/5/1994, and the Law on Protection of Competition no. 4054 dated 7/12/1994, and their exhibits and amendments are not applicable on Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc. and its affiliates and subsidiaries which are associated to Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc. through direct or indirect shareholding of Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc. therein.

(14) The relevant Minister is authorized to remove the hesitations or doubts that may occur in the course of implementation of this article.

### **Amended And Repealed Provisions**

**Article 139** – The Capital Markets Law no. 2499 dated 28/7/1981 is hereby repealed and superseded. Therefore, references made in the laws and regulations to the provisions of the Law no. 2499 will be deemed to have been made to the corresponding provisions of this Law.

**Article 140** – The Governmental Decree in Force of Law on Securities and Stocks Exchanges no. 91 dated 3/10/1983 is hereby repealed and superseded.

**Article 141** – The following paragraph is hereby added to supplementary article 4 of the Law on Organization and Functions of Treasury Undersecretariat no. 4059 dated 9/12/1994:

“Upon occurrence of a negative development which may spread over to the whole financial system, and upon determination of this development by the Financial Stability Committee, the Council of Ministers shall be authorized to determine the actions and measures to be taken, and all relevant entities and organizations shall be authorized and liable to immediately implement and enforce all such actions and measures.”

**Article 142** – Fourth paragraph of article 6 of the Law on Liquidation of Some Funds no. 4568 dated 23/5/2000 is hereby repealed and superseded.

**Article 143** – First paragraph of article 53 of the Law no. 4174 is hereby amended and shall hereafter read as follows, and ninth paragraph thereof is hereby repealed and superseded, and the following new paragraphs are hereby added to the same article:

“Specialized commodity exchanges which combine supply and demand of one or more than one commodity included in their quotation within trust, free competition and stability principles and in conformity with economic requirements; and act as an intermediary in trading of certain commodities classified according to the current commodity standards in physical or electronic media organized by themselves; and may conduct both physical trading of commodities and trading of certificates of commodity and future contracts issued by licensed depot institutions for the commodities; and have reliable recording and storage facilities for trading; and are equipped by data processing, technical and electronic equipment and corporate and financial infrastructures which may trace and publicize other similar and alternative markets; and may operate on national or international bases, shall be established and founded in the form of joint-stock companies by a decree of the Council of Ministers upon proposal of the Ministry and the Capital Markets Board. Specialized commodity exchanges may enter into contract with one or more than market operator governed by the provisions of the Capital Markets Law for operation and/or management of themselves or their markets. However, such contracts do not become effective without an approval of the Ministry and the Capital Markets Board. Following these approvals, the market operators start to use the rights granted to the specialized commodity exchanges within the frame of their contracts signed with the exchange and to perform all obligations arising out of the Capital Markets Law and other applicable laws.”

“Acts and transactions which cannot be justified by a reasonable economic or financial justification and which may disrupt the operation of specialized commodity exchanges in trust, transparency and stability will, if not classifiable as an offence, be considered and treated as market disruptive acts. Any person who commits a market disruptive act is sentenced to pay an administrative fine pursuant to the Capital Markets Law.”

“Procedures and principles relating to intermediation in trading of certificates of commodity and future contracts in specialized commodity exchanges, and authorization of intermediaries, and suspension and cancellation of this authorization, and supervision and audit of intermediaries, and other transactions relating to intermediation services on certificates of commodity and future contracts shall be regulated by regulations to be issued and enacted jointly by the Ministry and the Capital Markets Board.”

“Supervision and audit activities on transactions on certificates of commodity and future contracts shall be regulated by a regulation to be issued and enacted jointly by the Ministry and the Capital Markets Board. Measures and actions to be taken with respect to results of these activities shall be governed by the Capital Markets Law and other applicable laws and regulations.”

**Article 144** – Second paragraph of article 15 of the Agricultural Products Licensed Depots Law no. 5300 dated 10/2/2005 is hereby repealed and superseded.

**Article 145** – In the Law no. 5411:

(a) First paragraph of article 33 is hereby amended and shall hereafter read as follows:

“Additional conditions to be sought for as per article 15 in independent audit firms authorized by the Public Supervision, Accounting and Audit Standards Authority shall be determined by the Board in due consultation with the Central Bank and the unions of institutions, and list of independent audit firms meeting such conditions shall be made public. The Board is authorized to temporarily or permanently exclude from the list any one of independent audit firms, included in the list, if and when it is detected to have breached the standards or applicable laws as a result of quality control and audit works on independent audit activities of independent audit firms covered by this Law. The Board reports to the Public Supervision, Accounting and Audit Standards Authority the results of its quality control and audit works. Independent audit firms are responsible and liable for all damages that may be suffered by third parties due to their activities conducted pursuant to this Law.”

(b) First paragraph of article 37 is hereby amended and shall hereafter read as follows:

“Banks are under obligation to apply the uniform accounting systems in accordance with the procedures and principles to be determined by the Board in due consultation with the Public Supervision, Accounting and Audit Standards Authority and the unions of institutions; and to recognize all of their transactions in accordance with their true nature pursuant to the accounting and financial reporting standards published by the Public Supervision, Accounting and Audit Standards Authority; and to prepare and issue their financial reports accurately and timely, in a format and with contents capable of meeting the information requirements, and in an easily understandable, reliable and comparable manner, and fit for audit, analysis and interpretation.”

(c) Article 72 is hereby repealed and superseded.

**Article 146** – The following paragraph is hereby added to article 23 of the Governmental Decree in Force of Law on Organization and Functions of the Public Supervision, Accounting and Audit Standards Authority no. 660 dated 26/9/2011:

“(4) The provisions of the Capital Markets Law and the Banking Law are hereby reserved in implementation of this article.”

**Article 147** – The following paragraph is hereby added to article 26 of the Governmental Decree in Force of Law no. 660:

“(3) Independent audit firms which breach and violate the regulations issued, and the standards and forms determined, and the general and special decisions taken by the Board, in reliance upon the provisions of this Governmental Decree in Force of Law, shall be sentenced by the Board to pay an administrative fine of ten thousand Turkish Lira to fifty thousand Turkish Lira. Administrative fines applied pursuant to this article are recorded as income to the budget.”

**Article 148** – Third paragraph of article 27 of the Governmental Decree in Force of Law no. 660 is hereby amended and shall hereafter read as follows:

“(3) The institutions and boards established by laws for regulation and supervision of certain fields may issue some limited regulations in details with respect to standards applicable in their own fields, subject to compliance with the Turkish Accounting Standards.”

**Article 149** – The following sentence is hereby added to fourth paragraph of temporary article 1 of the Governmental Decree in Force of Law no.660:

“The powers of the Capital Markets Board and the Banking Regulation and Supervision Authority to apply administrative fines on independent audit firms authorized as per their own laws are reserved.”

### **Regulatory Acts:**

**Temporary Article 1 – (1)** Regulations pertaining to the implementation of this Law will be issued and made effective within one year following the promulgation date of this Law. Until the regulations to be issued as per this Law enter into force, the provisions of the existing regulations which are not in conflict with this Law shall be continued to be enforced.

**(2)** Outstanding applications which are not discussed and resolved by the Board Decision Making Body as of the promulgation date of this Law shall be concluded in accordance with the provisions of this Law.

**Transitory Provisions Relating To Intermediary Institutions And Futures Intermediary Companies:**

**Temporary Article 2 – (1)** The procedures and principles relating to provision of investment services and activities and ancillary services associated thereto shall be determined by the Board within six months following the promulgation date of this Law. In the course of granting of new certificates of authorization to intermediary institutions and to futures intermediary companies, the relevant institutions shall adapt themselves to the said procedures and principles within an appropriate time to be granted, or otherwise, the relevant institution is not allowed to engage in the subject investment services and activities and ancillary services.

**(2)** Until the effective date of the required regulations within the frame of first paragraph hereof, intermediary institutions and futures intermediary companies shall continue their operations pursuant to their existing authorizations.

**(3)** Intermediary institutions and futures intermediary companies which have already received an operating license from the Board as of the promulgation date of this Law shall continue their activities covered by the Law no. 2499 repealed by this Law until the end of the period mentioned in first paragraph hereof.

**Special Fund**

**Temporary Article 3 – (1)** A Special Fund is hereby established for partial payment, within the frame of principles of this article, of receivables arising out of capital market activities of investors of brokerage houses all authorization certificates of which are cancelled by the Board prior to 18/12/1999. The Special Fund will be managed and represented by YTM.

**(2)** In order to make payments to the said brokerage house creditors out of the Special Fund, by also taking into consideration the sources of the Fund, a bankruptcy case must have been brought forward prior to or after 18/12/1999, and in the bankruptcy liquidation, the receivables must have been documented in an insolvency certificate. Reserving the rights of those who have applied prior to the effective date of this Law, no payment will be effected out of the Special Fund to the creditors who fail to make an application for recording of their receivables in the bankrupt's estate within two years following the promulgation date of this Law.

**(3)** In the calculation to be made by the bankruptcy administration during the bankruptcy liquidation, total amount of cash and securities receivables as of the date of cancellation of the certificate of authorization will be converted into United States Dollar over the foreign exchange buying rate of TCB valid as of the date of cancellation of the certificates of authorization. Payments made during the bankruptcy liquidation after opening of bankruptcy of these brokerage houses will be converted into United States Dollar over the foreign exchange buying rate of TCB valid as of the date of payment, and will then be set off against the principal sum of receivables in USD. The balance calculated as above is converted into Turkish Lira over the foreign exchange buying rate of TCB valid as of the date of issuance of the insolvency certificate, and is paid to the right owners according to the principles set forth in the fourth paragraph hereinbelow.

**(4)** The amount of payment to be made to a creditor until 31/12/2012 cannot exceed 18,729 Turkish Lira. This amount is increased every year by the revaluation coefficient rate published every year after 1/1/2013. However, pursuant to the preceding third paragraph, the amount of interim payments set off from the principal sum of receivables in United States Dollar currency will be converted into Turkish Lira over the foreign exchange buying rate of TCB as of the date of cancellation of the certificate of authorization, and be deducted from the maximum payment amount specified in this paragraph, to find the maximum amount payable to the right owners.

**(5)** Principles relating to management and investment of properties of the Special Fund will be regulated by a regulation to be prepared by YTM and approved by the Board. The Special Fund cannot be used for any purpose other than the payments to be effected pursuant to this article. If the Special Fund is not sufficient to meet the payments, an additional source to be determined by a decree of the Council of Ministers will be funded by the Treasury. The properties of the Special Fund held in Istanbul Stock Exchange as of the promulgation date of this

Law shall be transferred within three months following the date of transfer of receivables, payables and rights from the Investor Protection Fund to YTM.

(6) Payments to be made for the receivables documented by insolvency certificates submitted by the bankruptcy administrations will be determined by the calculation method described in third and fourth paragraphs hereof, and will be effected by the Special Fund to the bankruptcy administrations. In order to ensure that payments are effected in accordance with the provision of this article, the Special Fund is entitled to make a mutual inspection by virtue of the finalized schedule of receivables, bankruptcy file documentation, and other documents that may be requested from bankruptcy administration and bankruptcy office, and to refuse the requests of payment in conflict with this article and other applicable laws and regulations.

(7) Payments to right owners are made by bankruptcy administrations. No payment will be made under this article to the partners, directors, members of audit committee, and personnel of the bankrupt brokerage house or to their spouse and blood relatives or relatives by marriage up to and including third degree, and to capital market institutions. Rights of the creditors arising out of general law provisions for their receivables in excess of the payments effected pursuant to this article are, however, reserved.

(8) The Board shall be authorized to determine the procedures and principles and issue the required regulations with regard to implementation of this article.

### **Transitory Provisions Relating To Investor Protection Fund**

**Temporary Article 4 – (1)** All rights, receivables and payables of the Investor Protection Fund are transferred to YTM within six months following the promulgation date of this Law.

(2) Legal proceedings relating to institutions which have been started to be gradually liquidated prior to the promulgation date of this Law, and procedures and transactions for liquidation of these institutions will be completed by CRA. YTM makes to CRA the payments required for the said procedures and transactions.

(3) The provisions of article 84 are not applicable about brokerage houses the gradual liquidation of which is ongoing within the frame of article 46/B of the Law no. 2499 repealed by this Law. All cash payment and stock certificate delivery obligations, also including those invested, of these institutions towards their customers arising out of stock trading transactions in the course of capital market activities and transactions are met and satisfied.

### **Transitory Provisions Relating To The Association Of Capital Markets Of Turkey And The Association Of Appraisers Of Turkey**

**Temporary Article 5 – (1)** Name of the Association of Capital Markets Intermediary Institutions of Turkey regulated by article 40/B of the Law no. 2499 repealed by this Law is hereby changed as the Association of Capital Markets of Turkey regulated by article 74 of this Law. This change of name shall become effective as of the date the Bylaws amendments are made effective by a decree of the Council of Ministers, pursuant to third paragraph of article 75 of this Law.

(2) The institutions which are required to be enrolled in the Association of Capital Markets of Turkey other than the existing members of the Association of Capital Markets Intermediary Institutions of Turkey are under obligation to apply to the Association of Capital Markets of Turkey within one month following the effective date of the Bylaws amendments. Within two months following the end of this time, the Association calls its members for a general assembly meeting in order to elect its organs in accordance with the new Bylaws.

(3) The appraisal companies which are required to be enrolled in the Association of Appraisers of Turkey are under obligation to apply to the Association of Appraisers of Turkey within three months following the effective date of the Bylaws issued pursuant to third paragraph of article 75. Within three months following the end of this time,

the Association of Appraisers of Turkey calls its members for a general assembly meeting in order to elect its organs in accordance with the new Bylaws.

(4) The Board is authorized to remove the hesitations that may occur in the course of implementation of this article.

### **Transitory Provisions Relating To Collective Investment Institutions**

**Temporary Article 6 – (1)** Procedures and principles relating to the provisions of articles 48 to 56 shall be determined by the Board within six months following the promulgation date of this Law.

(2) Until the required regulations mentioned in first paragraph are put into effect, the provisions of regulations issued in reliance upon the Law no. 2499 repealed by this Law will be continued to be implemented, and the applications will be finalized within the frame of such regulations.

(3) Investment funds and investment partnerships which have been founded prior to the promulgation date of this Law are, within one year following the effective date of secondary regulations mentioned in first paragraph, under obligation to apply to the Board in order to adapt their internal bylaws or articles of association, structure and organization to the relevant regulations, or otherwise, the Board decides transfer or liquidation of investment funds, while investment partnerships are deemed to be removed from the investment partnership status, whereupon the provisions of fifth paragraph of article 26 hereof are applied by analogy.

(4) Portfolio management companies which have been founded prior to the promulgation date of this Law will, within one year following the effective date of secondary regulations mentioned in first paragraph, adapt their articles of association, structure and organization to the relevant regulations, or otherwise, they are under obligation to apply to the Board in order to change their main fields of activity and the phrase “portfolio management company” included in their company name.

(5) The Board is authorized to extend the periods of time mentioned in this article up to twice.

### **Transitory Provisions Relating To Board Chairman And Members And Board Personnel**

**Temporary Article 7 – (1)** The Board Chairman and members who are on duty as of the promulgation date of this Law cease to be members of the Board as of the promulgation date hereof. In order to complete their terms of office according to the laws underlying their appointment, they are deemed to have been automatically appointed as the Board Presidency Advisors as shown in the list (5) attached hereto, and shall perform the advisory duties determined by the Chairman. The Board Presidency Advisor staff positions allocated under this paragraph shall be deemed to have been automatically cancelled in the case of a vacancy therein for any reason whatsoever or upon termination of the remaining terms of office of the ex-Chairman and ex-members deemed to have been appointed to the said positions according to the laws underlying their appointment. The Chairman and members deemed to have been appointed to the Board Presidency Advisor staff positions under this paragraph shall be eligible to receive the payments made for fiscal and social rights and benefits of the Chairman and members of the Board, until the end of their terms of office according to the laws underlying their appointment, within the frame of second paragraph hereof.

(2) For the personnel in the Board staff positions as of 15/1/2012, the provisions of the applicable laws and regulations current and in force prior to the said date shall be continued to be applied, by also considering the provisions of temporary article 10 of the Governmental Decree in Force of Law no. 375. If the total amount of payments calculated according to the provisions continued to be applied is less than the total amount of payments calculated according to the provisions of this Law, the payments to the relevant persons are effected as per the provisions of this Law. The personnel registered in social security organizations, other than the Social Security Agency, as of the effective date of this article remain registered therein.

(3) The personnel whose position does not change in the Board due to the amendments made by this Law shall be deemed to have been appointed to the same staff positions. The personnel whose position is changed or removed will be appointed to an appropriate new position in the Board within one year following the effective date of this article, and may be assigned to the needed jobs by the Board until such appointment. Until being appointed to a new position, they continue to receive their monthly wages, bonuses and similar other fringe benefits of their former staff positions, by also considering the provisions of second paragraph hereof.

(4) The fiscal and social rights and benefits and the employment of the personnel working in contracted status in the Board as of the effective date of this article in accordance with the provisions of the Law no. 2499 repealed by this Law, and other applicable laws and regulations, shall be continued to be governed by the laws and regulations effective prior to the promulgation date of this Law.

(5) The Board is headquartered in Ankara until the process of moving of the Board head offices to Istanbul is completed.

(6) The provisions of fourth and sixth paragraphs of article 121 hereof are not applicable on the Board Chairman and members and the Board professional personnel who have resigned from the Board prior to the date of promulgation of this article.

### **Other Transitory Provisions**

**Temporary Article 8 – (1)** Istanbul Stock Exchange, Custody and Settlement Bank Co., Inc. shall continue its capital market activities conducted as of the promulgation date of this Law as and in the capacity of central clearing organization, without any further authorization or license therefor.

(2) The provisions of fourth paragraph of article 13 are applicable about the capital market instruments dematerialized and delivered prior to the promulgation date of this Law and about the capital market instruments which have not yet been delivered in spite of the decision of dematerialization.

(3) The period of two years stipulated in article 16 hereof shall start as of the promulgation date of this Law for the publicly held companies, as defined by this Law, of which shares are not listed and traded in the exchange as of the promulgation date of this Law,.

(4) The provisions of third sentence of fourth paragraph of article 33 shall be applied on companies which were considered as a publicly held company according to the Law no. 2499 repealed by this Law as the number of partners is between 250 to 500, but are not classifiable as a publicly held company according to this Law, as of the promulgation date of this Law.

(5) The limitation mentioned in sixth paragraph of article 26 is started to be applicable as of the promulgation date of this Law.

(6) The five-years period mentioned in second paragraph of article 28 is started to be applicable as of the promulgation date of this Law.

(7) Article 32 is applicable about liabilities arising out of the public disclosure documents to be made public after the promulgation date of this Law.

(8) The revaluation coefficient rate regulated by fifth paragraph of article 84 of this Law is started to be applied as of 1/1/2014.

## **Registration Of Trading Of Securities**

**Temporary Article 9 – (1)** Trading transactions executed by investment institutions out of Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc. with regard to the securities traded in Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc., or quoted in Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc., or registered in Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc. are required to be registered in Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc. under the conditions to be determined by Borsa İstanbul Co., Inc. and approved by the Board.

## **Procedures and Principles regarding the Payments Made to the Beneficiary Owners of the Capital Markets Instruments Ownership of Which Transferred to YTM**

**Temporary Article 10 – (1)** The principles and procedures for applications to be filed with the request that capital market instruments whose ownership were conveyed to the Investor Compensation Centre (YTM) because of not having been delivered until the end of the seventh year following the date of dematerialisation be returned, and that their prices be paid if they were sold, as well as the principles and procedures for the payments to be made by YTM to the right holders upon an application, and the principles and procedures for cancellation and destruction of the capital market instruments that will be delivered by the right holders, and obligations of the issuers in respect of such applications shall be designated by the Board. From amongst the capital market instruments that were conveyed to YTM; those which were not sold pursuant to the applicable legislation shall be paid in kind; and those which were sold, shall be paid in cash on the basis of the sale prices to be calculated within the framework of the principles to be designated by the Board. In the payments to be made, the accretions to the related yield (earning) actually obtained by the YTM as a result of making use of the relevant amount within the scope of Article 12 of the Law numbered 4749, corresponding to the amount to be paid shall be taken as basis. The procedures in relation to payments to be made under this article and the records to be kept and papers to be arranged in relation with such procedures shall be exempt from stamp duty

## **Effective Date**

**Article 150 – (1)** This Law becomes effective as of the date of its promulgation.

## **Enforcement**

**Article 151 – (1)** The provisions of this Law will be enforced and executed by the Council of Ministers.



**LIST NO. (1)**  
**CAPITAL MARKETS BOARD**  
**LIST OF STAFF POSITIONS**

| CLASS                                 | JOB POSITION                       | DEGREE | NO. |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------|-----|
| General Administrative Services (GAS) | Vice Chairman of Board             | 1      | 5   |
| GAS                                   | Advisor to Chairman of Board       | 1      | 15  |
| GAS                                   | Department Head                    | 1      | 12  |
| GAS                                   | Foreign Representative of Board    | 1      | 5   |
| GAS                                   | Provincial Representative of Board | 1      | 3   |
| GAS                                   | Deputy Department Head             | 1      | 16  |
| GAS                                   | Senior Specialist                  | 1      | 70  |
| GAS                                   | Senior Specialist                  | 2      | 50  |
| GAS                                   | Senior Specialist on Informatics   | 1      | 2   |
| GAS                                   | Senior Specialist on Informatics   | 2      | 2   |
| GAS                                   | Specialist                         | 3      | 45  |
| GAS                                   | Specialist                         | 4      | 35  |
| GAS                                   | Specialist                         | 5      | 90  |
| GAS                                   | Specialist on Informatics          | 3      | 3   |
| GAS                                   | Specialist on Informatics          | 4      | 5   |
| GAS                                   | Specialist on Informatics          | 5      | 10  |
| GAS                                   | Deputy Specialist                  | 8      | 90  |
| GAS                                   | Deputy Specialist on Informatics   | 8      | 10  |
| GAS                                   | Executive Assistant to Presidency  | 1      | 1   |
| GAS                                   | Manager                            | 1      | 15  |
| GAS                                   | Manager                            | 2      | 2   |
| GAS                                   | Manager                            | 3      | 4   |
| GAS                                   | Vice Manager                       | 2      | 21  |
| GAS                                   | Vice Manager                       | 3      | 2   |
| GAS                                   | Application Programmer             | 3      | 4   |
| GAS                                   | Application Programmer             | 6      | 3   |
| GAS                                   | Civil Defense Specialist           | 3      | 1   |
| GAS                                   | Press Advisor                      | 3      | 1   |
| GAS                                   | Computer Operator                  | 3      | 1   |
| GAS                                   | Computer Operator                  | 7      | 3   |
| GAS                                   | Public Relations Specialist        | 3      | 7   |

|              |  |   |    |
|--------------|--|---|----|
| GAS          | Public Relations Specialist                | 5 | 4  |
| GAS          | Public Relations Specialist                | 6 | 6  |
| GAS          | Protection and Security Supervisor         | 3 | 1  |
| GAS          | Protection and Security Group Head         | 3 | 2  |
| GAS          | Protection and Security Officer            | 3 | 2  |
| GAS          | Protection and Security Officer            | 5 | 1  |
| GAS          | Protection and Security Officer            | 6 | 1  |
| GAS          | Protection and Security Officer            | 8 | 2  |
| GAS          | Protection and Security Officer            | 9 | 3  |
| GAS          | Accountant for Equipment and Office Supply | 3 | 1  |
| GAS          | Chief                                      | 3 | 24 |
| GAS          | Chief                                      | 4 | 4  |
| GAS          | Chief                                      | 5 | 5  |
| GAS          | Assistant Chief                            | 3 | 19 |
| GAS          | Assistant Chief                            | 4 | 1  |
| GAS          | Assistant Chief                            | 5 | 4  |
| GAS          | Assistant Chief                            | 6 | 3  |
| GAS          | Assistant Chief                            | 7 | 1  |
| GAS          | Assistant Chief                            | 8 | 9  |
| GAS          | Assistant Chief                            | 9 | 1  |
| GAS          | Data Preparation and Control Operator      | 3 | 17 |
| GAS          | Data Preparation and Control Operator      | 5 | 10 |
| GAS          | Data Preparation and Control Operator      | 9 | 5  |
| GAS          | Translator                                 | 5 | 2  |
| GAS          | Officer                                    | 3 | 6  |
| GAS          | Officer                                    | 5 | 17 |
| GAS          | Officer                                    | 6 | 10 |
| GAS          | Officer                                    | 7 | 5  |
| GAS          | Officer                                    | 8 | 4  |
| GAS          | Officer                                    | 9 | 4  |
| GAS          | Driver                                     | 3 | 3  |
| GAS          | Driver                                     | 5 | 2  |
| GAS          | Driver                                     | 6 | 4  |
| GAS          | Driver                                     | 8 | 1  |
| GAS          | Driver                                     | 9 | 5  |
| LAW SERVICES | Senior Specialist Lawyer                   | 1 | 10 |

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|---|----|
| (LS)                    |                          |   |    |
| LS                      | Senior Specialist Lawyer | 2 | 13 |
| LS                      | Specialist Lawyer        | 3 | 20 |
| LS                      | Specialist Lawyer        | 4 | 15 |
| LS                      | Specialist Lawyer        | 5 | 20 |
| LS                      | Deputy Specialist Lawyer | 8 | 25 |
| LS                      | Lawyer                   | 3 | 1  |
| TECHNICAL SERVICES (TS) | System Analyst           | 1 | 5  |
| TS                      | System Analyst           | 2 | 6  |
| TS                      | System Analyst           | 3 | 6  |
| TS                      | System Analyst           | 4 | 5  |
| TS                      | System Analyst           | 5 | 6  |
| TS                      | System Analyst           | 6 | 9  |
| TS                      | System Analyst           | 7 | 1  |
| TS                      | System Analyst           | 8 | 3  |
| TS                      | System Programmer        | 1 | 1  |
| TS                      | System Programmer        | 3 | 1  |
| TS                      | System Programmer        | 5 | 1  |
| TS                      | System Programmer        | 6 | 3  |
| TS                      | System Programmer        | 7 | 2  |
| TS                      | Statistician             | 2 | 1  |
| TS                      | Statistician             | 3 | 1  |
| TS                      | Statistician             | 6 | 2  |
| TS                      | Engineer                 | 3 | 3  |
| TS                      | Engineer                 | 5 | 2  |
| TS                      | Engineer                 | 6 | 4  |
| TS                      | Technician               | 3 | 2  |
| TS                      | Technician               | 5 | 3  |
| TS                      | Mechanist                | 3 | 2  |
| TS                      | Mechanist                | 5 | 1  |
| TS                      | Mechanist                | 7 | 1  |
| TS                      | Mechanist                | 8 | 2  |
| TS                      | Mechanist                | 9 | 9  |
| TS                      | Librarian                | 3 | 1  |
| TS                      | Librarian                | 5 | 1  |
| TS                      | Archivist                | 3 | 1  |

|                         |                |   |            |
|-------------------------|----------------|---|------------|
| TS                      | Archivist      | 5 | 1          |
| HEALTH SERVICES (HS)    | Medical Doctor | 2 | 1          |
| HS                      | Medical Doctor | 5 | 1          |
| HS                      | Paramedic      | 3 | 1          |
| AUXILIARY SERVICES (AS) | Cook           | 8 | 1          |
| AS                      | Servant        | 7 | 2          |
| AS                      | Servant        | 8 | 1          |
| AS                      | Servant        | 9 | 1          |
|                         | <b>TOTAL</b>   |   | <b>920</b> |

**LIST (2)**

**LIST OF REAL PROPERTIES  
TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE BOARD**

| PROVINCE | COUNTY    | NEIGHBORHOOD | PLOT NO. | ISLAND NO. | PARCEL NO. |
|----------|-----------|--------------|----------|------------|------------|
| Ankara   | Çankaya/2 | Karakusunlar | -        | 13911      | 4          |

**LIST (3)**

**LIST OF REAL PROPERTIES  
TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE TREASURY**

| PROVINCE | COUNTY  | NEIGHBORHOOD | PLOT NO.  | ISLAND NO. | PARCEL NO. |
|----------|---------|--------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Istanbul | Sarıyer | İstinye      | F22D11C3B | 1352       | 7          |
| Istanbul | Sarıyer | İstinye      | 51        | 360        | 3          |
| Istanbul | Sarıyer | İstinye      | 51        | 360        | 64         |
| Istanbul | Sarıyer | İstinye      | 50        | 380        | 38         |
| Istanbul | Sarıyer | İstinye      | 50        | 380        | 17         |
| Istanbul | Sarıyer | İstinye      | 50        | 380        | 18         |
|          |         |              |           |            |            |

**LIST (4)**

**LIST OF REAL PROPERTIES TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE TREASURY  
AND TO BE ALLOTTED TO USE OF BORSA İSTANBUL CO., INC.**

| PROVINCE | COUNTY  | NEIGHBORHOOD | PLOT NO. | ISLAND NO. | PARCEL NO. |
|----------|---------|--------------|----------|------------|------------|
| Istanbul | Sarıyer | Mirgün       | 48       | 154        | 119        |
| Istanbul | Sarıyer | Mirgün       | 48       | 154        | 120        |

**LIST (5)**

| CLASS | JOB POSITION             | DEGREE       | NUMBER   |
|-------|--------------------------|--------------|----------|
| GAS   | Board Presidency Advisor | 1            | 7        |
|       |                          | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>7</b> |

**List of amendments in Law:**

- 1- In the Official Gazette dated 2/8/2013 and numbered 28726, the Law (numbered 6495) on Amending Certain Laws and Decree-Laws was published.
- 2- In the Official Gazette dated 23/11/2013 and numbered 28830, the decision of the Constitutional Court dated 14.11.2013, under File No. 2013/24, Decision No: 2013/43 (Stay of Execution), on staying execution of the expression “such as/like” in subparagraph (b) of the 1st paragraph of Article 110 of the Law was published.
- 3- In the Official Gazette dated 27/2/2014 and numbered 28926, the Law (numbered 6525) on Amending Certain Laws and Decree-Laws was published.
- 4- In the Official Gazette dated 22/7/2014 and numbered 29068, the decision of the Constitutional Court dated 14.11.2013 under File No. 2013/24, Decision No.2013/133 was published, and thereafter, the decision became effective.
- 5 In the Official Gazette dated 7/4/2015 and numbered 29319, the Law (numbered 6637) on Amending Certain Laws and Decree-Laws was published.
- 6 The decision of the Constitutional Court dated 22.10.2015, under File No. 2015/20, Decision No. 2015/95 concerning cancellation of the expression “*and participation certificates may not be retrieved*” given place in the third sentence of the 4th paragraph of Article 13, as well as the fourth, the fifth and the sixth sentences of the same paragraph, was published in the Official Gazette dated 12.11.2015 and numbered 29530, and entered into force.
- 7- The Law on Amending the Law on Granting Pensions to Destitute, Weak and Helpless Turkish Citizens Who Are 65 Years of Age and Older, and Amending Certain Laws and Decree-Laws dated 14.4.2016 and numbered 6704, which amends the 1st, 2nd and 3rd paragraphs of Article 78, and inserts the 9th and 10th paragraphs to the same article, and inserts Temporary 10, was published in the Official Gazette dated 26.4.2016 and numbered 29695.
- 8- The “Decree-Law on Making Certain Arrangements within the Scope of State of Emergency” numbered 684/KHK, which inserts 3rd paragraph to Article 92, and amends the 2nd paragraph of Article 94, was published in the Official Gazette dated 23.1.2017 and numbered 29957.