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**Konu:** Genel Duyuru Hk.

Mersin, 12/08/2022

**Sayın Üyemiz,**

**Konu: Türkiye-Tayland KEK IV. Dönem Toplantısı**

Türkiye İhracatçılar Meclisinden iletilen yazıda, T.C. Ticaret Bakanlığından iletilen bir yazıya atıfla daha önce Tayland tarafının talebi ile ertelenen Türkiye-Tayland Karma Ekonomik Komisyon (KEK) 4. Dönem Toplantısının, Sanayi ve Teknoloji Bakanımız Sayın Mustafa Varank'ın çalışma programları çerçevesinde, 5-7 Ekim 2022 tarihlerinde Ankara'da düzenlenmesinin öngörüldüğü bildirilmektedir.

Söz konusu KEK Toplantısı sonucunda imzalanması öngörülen ve ilgili kurumların görüşleri alınarak hazırlanan taslak Protokole ilişkin Tayland tarafı mütalaaları “değişiklikleri izle” yöntemiyle ekte sunulmaktadır.

Tayland tarafına iletilmek üzere, Birliklerimiz görev ve yetki alanına giren hususlar hakkında ekli Protokolde yer alması uygun görülen kısımların olabilecek değişiklik önerilerinin **29 Ağustos 2022 Pazartesi gününe** kadar Genel Sekreterliğimiz [sanayi@akib.org.tr](mailto:sanayi@akib.org.tr) e-posta adresine iletilmesi önem arz etmektedir.

**Ek:**

- 1- Taslak Protokol Metni (1)
- 2- Taslak Protokol Metni (2)

**Konu: Gazze'de İthal Ürünlere Getirilen Ek Vergi Hk.**

Türkiye İhracatçılar Meclisinden iletilen yazıda, Kudüs Ticaret Ataşeliğinin yazısına atfen Ticaret Bakanlığı İhracat Genel Müdürlüğünden alınan bir yazıda, 28 Temmuz 2022 tarihinde Gazze Yönetiminin aşağıda yer alan ithal ürünlere ek vergi getirdiği ifade edilmektedir.

Buna göre söz konusu ürünler ve vergi oranlarının,

1. Pantolon, elbise ve abayalar için parça başına 10 Yeni İsrail Şekli
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- olarak belirlendiği bildirilmektedir.

Anılan yazıda devamla, adı geçen Ataşelik ile Ticaret Bakanlığınca yapılan temasların ardından Türk ürünlerinin ek vergi yükümlülüklerinden muaf tutulacağı bilgisinin edinildiği, ihracat aşamasında listede yer alan kalemler için firmalarımızdan ek vergi talep edilmesi durumunda Kudüs Ticaret Ataşeliği ile iletişime geçilmesinin önem arz ettiği belirtilmektedir.

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## AGREED MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE TURKISH-THAI JOINT COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION

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#### **-vi. Cooperation in Defence Technology and IndustryCooperation in Defense Industry**

Both sides expressed their willingness to cooperate in the field of defence research and development, investment and other forms of related collaboration.

### **III. ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION**

#### **i. Science, Technology, Innovation and Information and Communications Technology**

The Turkish side expressed its willingness to initiate a technical cooperation program focusing on Thailand's and Türkiye's national regional development experiences for enabling

the exchange of experience and knowledge between the two countries' institutions responsible for regional development with the intention to develop human capital and institutional capacity of both sides for accelerating an active and efficient cooperation between their sub-regions across different sectors.

Both sides noted that the Turkish side can provide support on the training content, establishment and operation of the workshops, if Thailand decides to establish Deneyap Technology Workshops in their country.

The Turkish side invited Thailand to participate to TEKNOFEST Aerospace and Technology festival, which is the largest space and aviation festival in the world, in order to establish cooperation in the defense, aviation and space industries of the two sides and to increase their bilateral relations.

Both sides acknowledged cooperation between Thai Space Consortium and Turkish Space Agency which was initially conducted in a virtual format in August 2021.

Both sides also acknowledged cooperation between Thailand and Türkiye's governmental agencies in a field of start-up business which was initially conducted in a virtual format in April 2021.

The Turkish side expressed its readiness to establish mutual cooperation programs in order to facilitate scale-ups included in the Turcorn 100 Program to open up to the Thai market and Thai scale-ups to open up to the Turkish market.

The Turkish Academy of Sciences (TÜBA) expressed its readiness to start negotiations with the Thailand Academy of Sciences (TAS) / Thai Academy of Science and Technology and The Science Society of Thailand Under the Patronage of His Majesty the King, and the Science Center for Education under the Office of the Non-Formal and Informal Education, Ministry of Education of Thailand to conclude a bilateral Memorandum of Understanding within the framework of science diplomacy.

Both sides agreed to explore the exchange of engineers, experts, scientists and youth in the field of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) to promote awareness among young people in both countries.

**Açıklamalı [AN2]:** There are 2 similar names that might be confusing. One is Thailand Academy of Sciences (TAS) and another one is Thai Academy of Science and Technology (TAST). The TAS is just a platform, not the established organ, while the TAST is an established organization. Kindly ask the Turkish side to clarify which one they mean

## ii. Cooperation on Free Zones and Specialized Free Zones

Both sides agreed to share their experience and knowledge on the legal framework and regulations and establishment of their industrial production zone models, including Organized Industrial Zones and Industrial Sites.

## iii. Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs)

The Small and Medium Sized Enterprises Development Organization of Türkiye (KOSGEB) and the Office of Small and Medium Enterprises Promotion of Thailand (OSMEP) expressed their willingness to cooperate on SMEs in the context of the Action Plan which was signed on September, 16th 2018 in Bangkok.

To this end, both sides expressed their willingness to exchange information and experiences about their incentive models, business and technology incubators, developing

entrepreneurship culture and entrepreneurship training for the development of MSMEs related organizations, MSMEs and entrepreneurs.

#### **iv. Standardization**

Both sides expressed their willingness to revise the Memorandum of Understanding between the Turkish Standards Institution (TSE) and the Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI) to expand the cooperation in the areas of standardization, conformity assessment and other related activities.

~~In order to carry forward the cooperation between the organizations, Turkish Standard Institution (TSE) states the readiness to cooperate with Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI) to organize joint workshops, training organizations and similar activities regarding the creation and implementation of conformity assessment programs.~~

~~TSE also expressed its readiness to provide "Third Party Inspection/Surveillance" and "Project Management Consultancy (PMC)" services concerning particularly the projects about airport, bridge, railways, housing and energy to be realized in Thailand.~~

~~The Turkish Side also indicated the readiness of Turkish Standards Institution (TSE) to revise the current Memorandum of Understanding between the Turkish Standards Institution and the Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI) by expanding their cooperation in the areas of standardization and conformity assessment.~~

#### **v. Cooperation in Energy Sectors**

Both sides agreed to explore cooperation in the fields of renewable energy, natural gas, electrification, including electric vehicle value chain, and decarbonization of energy sector.

The Turkish side expressed its intention to cooperate with the Thai side in the field of renewable energy, especially solar and biomass. Both sides agreed to exchange best practices on regulatory and technical assistance ~~to Thai Side~~ in renewable energy and energy efficiency sectors.

Both sides agreed to stimulate the investments in renewable energy, energy efficiency and electrification sectors in both countries. Both sides also acknowledged the Thai side's effort in promoting Thai investment in Türkiye in the areas of energy and renewable energy by organizing virtual meetings between the Thai private sector and the Presidency Investment Office of Türkiye in 2021.

~~Referring to the significance of Turkish Side's experience in the field of natural gas pipeline projects and LNG trade operations, the Turkish Side expressed the readiness of the transfer of Petroleum Pipeline Corporation's (BOTAS) expertise and technology in the fields of LNG terminal operations, pipeline security and SCADA to Thailand.~~

The Turkish side stated its willingness to share the Turkish Electricity Transmission Corporation's (TEİAŞ) knowledge and experience in the field of electricity transmission with the relevant corporation of Thailand.

~~Both Sides agreed to investigate cooperation possibilities on the purification, recovery and analysis of rare earth elements and exploration of mineral resources.~~

**Açıklamalı [AN3]:** Deleted this paragraph because we have been using SCADA for a long time

#### **xii.vi. Cooperation in Shipbuilding Industry**

Both sides highlighted the opportunities for cooperation in the field of shipbuilding and announced their readiness to support cooperation in the following areas;

- Creation and implementation of modern technologies for shipbuilding, yacht construction, ship repair and maintenance, ship recycling and dredging including automation of a process-layout preparation,
- Modernization/construction of shipyards (docks) in Türkiye and Thailand,
- Shipbuilding, yacht construction, ship repair and maintenance, ship recycling and the engineers and technical personnel.

#### **xii.vii. Cooperation in Halal ~~Accreditation~~ Sector, Standardization and Certification**

Halal Accreditation Agency of Türkiye (HAK) proposed cooperation in the halal sector with the Central Islamic Council of Thailand (CICOT) to develop a better working halal ecosystem between ~~Both S~~ides.

For this purpose, HAK declared its readiness to share information and develop cooperation in the field of accreditation, standardization, certification and quality infrastructure with CICOT. ~~with and to conduct trainings for the relevant institutions of Thailand in the fields of halal accreditation and halal quality infrastructure.~~

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The Turkish side informed in detail about the legal status of the Turkish Maarif Foundation and its education activities abroad.

The Turkish side underlined the importance of Thai side’s support and cooperation for facilitating the required procedures regarding the establishment of legal personality of Turkish Maarif Foundation in order to conduct educational activities.

Both sides agreed to cooperate on Technical and Vocational Education and Training in the areas of mutual interest, such as tourism, textile industry, shipbuilding industry, and fishery, and to facilitate the collaboration between their education sectors to produce a skilled workforce for the future.

Both sides agreed to further explore the possibility of cooperation in education such as the exchange of scholarships and joint academic research between Thailand and Türkiye.

#### **xiv.ix. Cooperation in Agriculture**

~~Both Sides agreed to improve cooperation in the following areas;~~

- ~~• Cooperation in the fields of phytosanitary research,~~
- ~~• Collaboration on biotechnological studies and education in the fields of field crops research.~~



[Both sides expressed their readiness to finalize the ongoing Memorandum of Understanding between Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of the Kingdom of Thailand and Ministry of Agriculture of Türkiye: Development of Cooperation including animals, fish and plants and irrigation and land use; Development of farmers' groups and cooperatives; Development of cooperation in food security and food safety, including sanitary and phytosanitary measures and food standards](#)

#### ~~Cooperation in Water Safety and Water Quality~~

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- ~~Preparation of river basin management plans;~~
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  - ~~Monitoring and management of water quality;~~
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  - ~~Coastal and transitional water management;~~
- ~~Effective and efficient use of water, reuse and treatment of wastewater and drainage water from agricultural irrigation.~~

#### ~~xvi.x.~~ **Cooperation in Health**

Both sides expressed their readiness to exchange experiences on strengthening health systems and to cooperate in the field of health.

#### ~~xviii.xi.~~ **Cooperation in Family and Social Services**

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- Cooperation between national official institutions and organizations that provide social assistance,
- Support joint training programs, organize conferences, workshops to share experience and good practices on social assistance services [and social welfare, and family institution development for women and vulnerable groups which include persons with disabilities, the elderly, child and youth, women and family, as well as the destitute.](#) ~~to fight poverty, unemployment; to provide services to persons with disabilities and elderly and to improve child protection.~~

#### ~~xix.xii.~~ **Cooperation in Culture and Tourism**

Both sides decided to make the necessary efforts for further development of cooperation opportunities and to support the mutual promotion in the field of culture and tourism.

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#### ~~xx.xiii.~~ **Cooperation in Urbanism**

Both sides expressed their willingness to cooperate in the field of regulatory documents on urbanism and construction and the fight against illegal construction.

#### **IV. TIME AND VENUE OF THE NEXT SESSION**

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Done and signed in Ankara on ....., 2022 in two originals in the English language.

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#### **i. Science, Technology, Innovation and Information and Communications Technology**

The Turkish side expressed its willingness to initiate a technical cooperation program focusing on Thailand's and Türkiye's national regional development experiences for enabling the exchange of experience and knowledge between the two countries' institutions responsible for regional development with the intention to develop human capital and institutional capacity of both sides for accelerating an active and efficient cooperation between their sub-regions across different sectors.

Both sides noted that the Turkish side can provide support on the training content, establishment and operation of the workshops, if Thailand decides to establish Deneyap Technology Workshops in their country.

The Turkish side invited Thailand to participate to TEKNOFEST Aerospace and Technology festival, which is the largest space and aviation festival in the world, in order to establish cooperation in the defense, aviation and space industries of the two sides and to increase their bilateral relations.

Both sides acknowledged cooperation between Thai Space Consortium and Turkish Space Agency which was initially conducted in a virtual format in August 2021.

Both sides also acknowledged cooperation between Thailand and Türkiye's governmental agencies in a field of start-up business which was initially conducted in a virtual format in April 2021.

The Turkish side expressed its readiness to establish mutual cooperation programs in order to facilitate scale-ups included in the Turcorn 100 Program to open up to the Thai market and Thai scale-ups to open up to the Turkish market.

The Turkish Academy of Sciences (TÜBA) expressed its readiness to start negotiations with the Thailand Academy of Sciences (TAS) / Thai Academy of Science and Technology and The Science Society of Thailand Under the Patronage of His Majesty the King, and the Science Center for Education under the Office of the Non-Formal and Informal Education, Ministry of Education of Thailand to conclude a bilateral Memorandum of Understanding within the framework of science diplomacy.

Both sides agreed to explore the exchange of engineers, experts, scientists and youth in the field of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) to promote awareness among young people in both countries.

## **ii. Cooperation on Free Zones and Specialized Free Zones**

Both sides agreed to share their experience and knowledge on the legal framework and regulations and establishment of their industrial production zone models, including Organized Industrial Zones and Industrial Sites.

## **iii. Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs)**

The Small and Medium Sized Enterprises Development Organization of Türkiye (KOSGEB) and the Office of Small and Medium Enterprises Promotion of Thailand (OSMEP) expressed their willingness to cooperate on SMEs in the context of the Action Plan which was signed on September, 16th 2018 in Bangkok.

To this end, both sides expressed their willingness to exchange information and experiences about their incentive models, business and technology incubators, developing entrepreneurship culture and entrepreneurship training for the development of MSMEs related organizations, MSMEs and entrepreneurs.

## **iv. Standardization**

Both sides expressed their willingness to revise the Memorandum of Understanding between the Turkish Standards Institution (TSE) and the Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI) to expand the cooperation in the areas of standardization, conformity assessment and other related activities.

**v.**

## **Cooperation in Energy Sectors**

Both sides agreed to explore cooperation in the fields of renewable energy, natural gas, electrification, including electric vehicle value chain, and decarbonization of energy sector.

The Turkish side expressed its intention to cooperate with the Thai side in the field of renewable energy, especially solar and biomass. Both sides agreed to exchange best practices on regulatory and technical assistance in renewable energy and energy efficiency sectors.

Both sides agreed to stimulate the investments in renewable energy, energy efficiency and electrification sectors in both countries. Both sides also acknowledged the Thai side's effort in

promoting Thai investment in Türkiye in the areas of energy and renewable energy by organizing virtual meetings between the Thai private sector and the Presidency Investment Office of Türkiye in 2021.

The Turkish side stated its willingness to share the Turkish Electricity Transmission Corporation's (TEİAŞ) knowledge and experience in the field of electricity transmission with the relevant corporation of Thailand.

#### **vi. Cooperation in Shipbuilding Industry**

Both sides highlighted the opportunities for cooperation in the field of shipbuilding and announced their readiness to support cooperation in the following areas;

- Creation and implementation of modern technologies for shipbuilding, yacht construction, ship repair and maintenance, ship recycling and dredging including automation of a process-layout preparation,
- Modernization/construction of shipyards (docks) in Türkiye and Thailand,
- Shipbuilding, yacht construction, ship repair and maintenance, ship recycling and the engineers and technical personnel.

#### **vii. Cooperation in Halal Accreditation, Standardization and Certification**

Halal Accreditation Agency of Türkiye (HAK) proposed cooperation in the halal sector with the Central Islamic Council of Thailand (CICOT) to develop a better working halal ecosystem between both sides.

For this purpose, HAK declared its readiness to share information and develop cooperation in the field of accreditation, standardization, certification and quality infrastructure with CICOT.

#### **viii. Cooperation in Education**

The Turkish side underlined that the Ministry of National Education and the Turkish Maarif Foundation is the sole entity allowed to use the terms "Turkish" and "Türkiye", the flag of the Republic of Türkiye and the symbols belonging to Türkiye in the area of education.

The Turkish side informed in detail about the legal status of the Turkish Maarif Foundation and its education activities abroad.

The Turkish side underlined the importance of Thai side's support and cooperation for facilitating the required procedures regarding the establishment of legal personality of Turkish Maarif Foundation in order to conduct educational activities.

Both sides agreed to cooperate on Technical and Vocational Education and Training in the areas of mutual interest, such as tourism, textile industry, shipbuilding industry, and fishery, and to facilitate the collaboration between their education sectors to produce a skilled, workforce for the future.

Both sides agreed to further explore the possibility of cooperation in education such as the exchange of scholarships and joint academic research between Thailand and Türkiye.

#### **ix. Cooperation in Agriculture**



Both sides expressed their readiness to finalize the ongoing Memorandum of Understanding between Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of the Kingdom of Thailand and Ministry of Agriculture of Türkiye: Development of Cooperation including animals, fish and plants and irrigation and land use; Development of farmers' groups and cooperatives; Development of cooperation in food security and food safety, including sanitary and phytosanitary measures and food standards

**x. Cooperation in Health**

**xi.** Both sides expressed their readiness to exchange experiences on strengthening health systems and to cooperate in the field of health. **Cooperation in Family and Social Services**

Both sides agreed to explore cooperation in the following areas;

- Cooperation between national official institutions and organizations that provide social assistance,
- Support joint training programs, organize conferences, workshops to share experience and good practices on social assistance services and social welfare, and family institution development for women and vulnerable groups which include persons with disabilities, the elderly, child and youth, women and family, as well as the destitute.

**xii. Cooperation in Culture and Tourism**

Both sides decided to make the necessary efforts for further development of cooperation opportunities and to support the mutual promotion in the field of culture and tourism.

Both sides expressed their willingness to explore the possibilities of collaboration in areas of human resource and technical capacity building, student exchanges, co-productions, film festivals, TV series, short films, promoting both countries for filming and digital technologies.

**xiii. Cooperation in Urbanism**

Both sides expressed their willingness to cooperate in the field of regulatory documents on urbanism and construction and the fight against illegal construction.

**IV. TIME AND VENUE OF THE NEXT SESSION**

Both sides agreed to hold the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Joint Committee on Economic and Technical Cooperation in Bangkok at a date to be agreed upon through diplomatic channels.

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