

Amendments to Cybersecurity Legislation

Another significant step has been taken in cybersecurity legislation. The new regulations completing the institutional structure in the field of cybersecurity have clarified the duties and powers of the Cybersecurity Presidency.

Law No. 7590 on the Amendment of Certain Laws and Decree Laws (the “**Amendment Law**”), published in the Official Gazette dated 31 July 2026, has added Provisional Article 2 to the Cybersecurity Law. Provisional Article 2 reiterates that, until the Cybersecurity Presidency (the “**Presidency**”) enacts the secondary legislation governing the duties and powers transferred to it, the existing regulations will continue to apply. Under the existing regulations, references to the Information and Communication Technologies Authority (“**ICTA**”) and the Telecommunications Communication Presidency will be deemed references to the Presidency. Likewise, references to the President of ICTA and the President of the Telecommunications Communication Presidency will be deemed references to the President of the Presidency.

The Amendment Law expands the duties and powers of the Presidency, in particular under Law No. 5651 on the Regulation of Publications on the Internet and Combating Crimes Committed by Means of Such Publications, Law No. 5809 on Electronic Communications and, more broadly, under cybersecurity legislation. It also clarifies and makes more explicit the transfer of ICTA’s duties and powers to the Presidency.

In addition, the Cybersecurity Law has also been amended to set forth that anyone who fails to provide the Presidency, on a priority basis and in a timely manner, with any data, information, documents, hardware, software or other contribution requested by the Presidency in connection with its duties and activities may be subject to an administrative fine ranging from TRY one million Turkish liras to TRY ten million Turkish liras.

Accordingly, persons within the scope of the Cybersecurity Law that provide services, or collect, process or otherwise handle data through the use of information systems must provide the Presidency with any data, information, documents or other contribution it requests. Failure to do so may result in an administrative fine.

The amendments described above entered into force on 31 July 2026.