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TWENTY NINTH SECTION

Office of Navigation, Hydrography and Oceanography

Tasks and Duties of Navigation, Hydrography and Oceanography

ARTICLE 392-(1) Turkish Office of Navigation, Hydrography and Oceanography executes the tasks and duties stated in this section within the boundaries of Turkey subject to the Naval Forces Command.

Definitions

ARTICLE 393-(1) On the implementation of this section the following expressions have the meanings given below;

a) Office: The Office of Navigation, Hydrography and Oceanography affiliated to the Naval Forces Command to conduct the works of navigation and hydrography.

b) Hydrography: The discipline that measures and studies all the essential elements that must be known for navigation safety and ease in the seas, rivers and other waters, and the surrounding coastline and publishes them in a convenient way for mariners to use.

c) Oceanography: The discipline examining the physical, chemical, geological and biological properties of the seas and geological, physical and meteorological characteristics of the soil and animal in contact with them, and the rules of influence on each other.

d) Marine geophysics: The discipline that examines the magnetic, gravimetric and seismic properties of the earth on the seas and the structure of the land under the sea and makes military, academic and economic evaluation of them.

e) Aids to the navigation: Facilities and tools that assist the navigation safety and convenience of ships according to national and international standards such as lighthouses, light buoys, radio lights, visible navigational signs and electronic positioning facilities and stations.

f) Nautical Publications: Publications covering the information providing safety and ease of navigation such as light, guide and radio sign books, almanac, chart catalogues, various publications related to ships and navigation, notices to mariners and suchlike.

Navigation, Hydrography and Oceanography Duties

ARTICLE 394- (1) The duties of navigation, hydrography and oceanography on the seas, shores and navigable lakes and waterways are given below:

a) Hydrographic, oceanographic and geophysical surveys, examinations and investigations for military, economical and scientific aims,

b) Archiving all kinds of data, plan and charts of hydrographic, oceanographic and geophysical surveys and researches made by public and private institutions and individuals via private equipment, each copy of which is to be submitted to the Office,

- c) Coordinating hydrographic, oceanographic and geophysical surveys and researches to be carried out by public and private institutions and individuals,
- d) Asking opinions of the Office about the projects and the proposals to be prepared by those concerned on the positions and qualities of navigation aids that will be established, changed or abolished concerning safety and ease of navigation.
- e) Carrying out examinations and giving opinions for the safety of life and property in the sea in the preparation of the legislation regarding the sea traffic, port and waterways, with the projects and plans of all kinds of facilities to be made or built by those concerned in terms of ensuring safety and ease of navigation,
- f) Examining, detecting and publishing the notices sent to the Office to ensure the safety of life and property at sea following their correction,
- g) Executing the implementation provisions for Turkey of the international organizations and treaties on international navigation, hydrography, oceanography and geophysical aspects by the decision of the President.

Publication Duties

ARTICLE 395- (1) Preparing, compiling and publishing the special charts, plans, books and brochures, navigational charts and nautical publications for:

- a) Relevant units, institutions and departments of the Turkish Armed Forces,
 - b) The ministries and official institutions with legal entity,
 - c) Relevant institutions and organizations,
 - d) The international or foreign state institutions by approval of the Turkish General Staff,
- in order to take advantage of the results of the navigation, hydrography, oceanography and geophysics.

(2) The way of the classified publications is regulated by the legislation.

Announcement to Relevant Persons

ARTICLE 396- (1) All hazards related to safety of life and property that are notified by relevant persons will be announced to the relevant persons via Turkish Radio television devices, shore radio stations of the General Directorate of Post-Telegraph and Telephone Administration and all broadcasting means free of charge according to the principles applied to the presidential declarations.

Expenses

ARTICLE 397– (1) The Office of Navigation, Hydrography and Oceanography expenses are covered by the budget of the Ministry of National Defense.

Board

ARTICLE 398- (1) The navigation and hydrography duties stated in this part, formal requests of official and private institutions and persons considering the Office's own tasks are determined in a board which consists of the authorized representatives of the related official and private institutions by invitation and under the chairmanship of an officer from the Naval Forces Command.

(2) The resolution of this board is assured after being approved by the president. The board gathers before the budget is consigned to the Turkish Grand National Assembly.

(3) The Office is authorized to accomplish extra curricular and urgent needs and duties that are deemed necessary without preventing the annual Schedule which is certified by the President.

Work Requests from Ministries and Official Institutions

ARTICLE 399- (1) The expenses of the Ministries and official institutions that request works for realizing the annual curriculum which is approved by the President are covered as follows:

a) The appropriation required for the scheduled works of the institutions which are depending on the general budget will be transferred to the relevant chapters of the budget of Ministry of National Defence during the preparation of the budget.

b) The Presidency is entitled to record the amount of the works to be carried out by the institutions with special budgets, and to allocate funds to the various income sections of the general budget and to transfer the special amounts to be opened at the end of the year to the special arrangements that will be opened in the next year's budget.

Staff and Personnel Affairs

ARTICLE 400- (1) Appointments of the Head of the Office and the officers, noncommissioned officers and private soldiers to be employed in the Office are fulfilled through the existing law. Appointment of the other personnel to be recruited are performed through the relevant regulations.

Regulations

ARTICLE 401- (1) The regulation, which shows the implementation principles of this Part, the establishment and operation of the inter-ministerial board, the publication, distribution and protection of the information carrying the degree of confidentiality, is issued by the President.

Possessions of the Office

ARTICLE 402- (1) Naval Forces Command is obliged to provide the necessary real estate, marine vehicles, equipment, tools and other supplies, which the Office needs.