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**Transport Safety Investigation Center**

**ARTICLE 489/A - (Annex: RG (Official Gazette) -10/1/2019 - 30651-CK- art.27/101)**

- (1) Duties and authorities of the Transport Safety Investigation Center:
- a) to investigate and examine accidents or incidents with a significant effect in respect to those occurred at the types of transportation, transportation safety arrangements and safety management, and to issue report pertaining to the improvement of the transportation safety, and to submit examined and resolved report to the Minister and the Board of the Presidential Security and Foreign Policy.
  - b) to share the reports on the accidents or incidents which were investigated with the related parties, national and international organizations and institutions, when necessary.
  - c) to be in coordination with local executive authority who is under the obligation to preserve and protect evidences up until accomplishment and completion of investigations required at the scene of accident or incident.
  - ç) to determine procedures and principles regarding the evidence with a degree of confidentiality
  - d) to follow up international developments, to be a member to the respective international organizations, to pay their contribution or participation shares, to provide and ensure implementation of guidelines and standards published by the international organizations to which joined as member.
  - e) to do other tasks and duties which are assigned by the Minister.
- (2) Reports related with accidents or incidents which were investigated are resolved by the Board of Assessment to be established within the structure of the Chairmanship. The Chairman of Transport Safety Investigation Center is at the same time is also the chairman of the Board of Assessment.
- (3) Members of the Board of Assessment composed of maximum seven members including the chairman have been assigned by approval of the Minister for three years. Period of office of members whose tenure of office is expired can be extended by the approval of the Minister.

- (4) Members of the Board of Assessment to be constituted by which representative of unit, institution, establishment, organization, university, non-governmental organization or of expert and competent persons in their field, characteristics that they are required to possess, and rules and procedures of the Chairmanship and the Board of Assessment is arranged by means of a by-law to be issued by the Ministry.
- (5) The sole objective of the investigation is to prevent similar accidents or incidents; determination of administrative, legal or criminal responsibility shall not be included in the reports.
- (6) Arrival of the assigned safety investigators who carried out investigations to the scene of accident or incident, and availability and procurement of evidences shall not be restricted.
- (7) Should the need arise, expert can be assigned at the investigations and examinations of accident requiring special expertise or technical information (know how). Procedures and rules related with the entrustment of duty to an expert are determined by the Ministry.
- (8) Expenditures to be carried out by the Chairmanship shall be paid out of the Budgetary Allocations of the Revolving Fund Management of The Ministry. On matters related with its works, if need be required, the Chairmanship may be free to carry out service procurement, remaining limited within the services of investigation, examination and consultancy, by means of Revolving Fund Management of The Ministry.
- (9) Attendance fee (money paid for attendance to a meeting) and travel fares and per diem at an amount to be found by multiplying (3000) index figure with coefficient for escalation of salaries of state employees for each and every session not more than twice per month, pursuant to the Annex Article 29 of the Legislative Decree No. 375 shall be paid to the Chairman and Members of the Board of Assessment out of the allocation included in the Revolving Fund Management of The Ministry in accordance with the Travel Per-Diem Act No. 6245 dated 10/02/1954.
- (10) The Chairman of Transport Safety Investigation Center, in respect to the financial and social rights and aids as well as to the other personal benefits and rights, pursuant to the Annex Article 30 of the Legislative Decree No. 375, is equal at rank to the Vice President of the Turkish Statistics Institute.
- (11) In the Regulations, references made to the Accident Investigation Board are assumed and deemed to have been made to the Transport Safety Investigation Center.