

Descriptive Summary of Presidential Decrees Nos. 137, 138, 139, 140 and 141 issued under the State of Emergency

As indicated in the notice of Derogation dated 10 February 2023, additional measures may be taken on issues required in scope of the State of Emergency declared on the ground of the natural disaster by virtue of Article 119 of the Constitution.

In this context, it has been notified on 15 February 2023 that by the Presidential Decree No. 120 on Measures Taken in the Judiciary under the State of Emergency which has been published in the Official Gazette No. 32101-*bis* of 11 February 2023 in an aim to prevent any loss of rights in the judicial sphere and effective conduct of investigative procedures, all the time-limits that are related to the judiciary have been suspended for a period of 2 months as from 6 February 2023 (including this date) in the 10 provinces where a state of emergency has been declared.

The paragraph 10 has been added to Article 2 of the aforementioned Presidential Decree No. 120, which includes provisions concerning the suspension of time-limits, with the Presidential Decree No. 139 which has entered into force after being published in the Official Gazette No. 32154 of 5 April 2023 and according to the latest version of this provision that has been amended by the Presidential Decree No. 141 which has entered into force after being published in the Official Gazette No. 32159 of 10 April 2023, it has been decided that the suspension of time-limits shall continue to apply until 1 May 2023 (including this date) for real and legal persons whose place of residence is located in and lawyers who have an office in the centre of Adıyaman province as well as its Çelikhan, Samsat, Besni, Gölbaşı and Tut districts; İslahiye and Nurdağı districts of Gaziantep province; the centre of Hatay province as well as its Antakya, Defne, İskenderun, Arsuz, Belen, Samandağ, Hassa, Kırıkhan and Yayladağı districts; the centre of Kahramanmaraş province as well as its Dulkadiroğlu, Onikişubat, Afşin, Elbistan, Ekinözü, Nurhak, Göksun, Türkoğlu, Pazarcık and Çağlayancerit districts; the centre of Malatya province as well as its Battalgazi, Yeşilyurt, Arguvan, Kale, Yazıhan, Akçadağ and Doğanşehir districts.

In addition, the translations of Presidential Decree No. 137 which has been published in the Official Gazette No. 32139 of 21 March 2023 and includes provisions concerning the subsidization of the unpaid electricity and natural gas bills of subscribers whose residence and/or workplace has been damaged during the earthquake as well as Presidential Decree No. 138 which has been published in the Official Gazette No. 32149 of 31 March 2023 and includes provisions concerning the measures taken in the field of social services, private education institutions, research, development and design activities as well as technology development zones and also receivables of support granted by the KOSGEB (Small and Medium Enterprises Development Organisation of Türkiye) and Presidential Decree No. 140 on electronic communication field and water structures inspection services which has entered into force after being published in the Official Gazette No. 32155 of 6 April 2023, are also attached for informative purpose.