

**TURKISH FOOD CODEX COMMUNIQUÉ ON ICED PRODUCTS
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FIRST CHAPTER

Objective, Scope, Legal Base and Definitions

Objective

Article 1 - (1) The objective of this communiqué is to determine the specifications in order to provide the production, transportation, storage and marketing of the iced products in conformity with the relevant technique and hygienically.

Scope

Article 2 - (1) This Communiqué covers the iced products.

Legal Base

Article 3 - (1) This communiqué has been prepared on the basis of the Turkish Food Codex Regulation published in the Official Gazette dated 29/12/2011 and with the third reiterated number of 28157.

Definitions

Article 4 - (1) The following terms used in this Communiqué are defined as follows:

- a) Iced products: Edible iced products and ice mixtures,
- b) Ice mixtures: The product prepared by using water, sugar and if necessary protein, vegetable oil and/or milk fat, flavouring and seasoning substances,
- c) Edible iced products: The product containing milk and/or milk products, water, sugar, milk proteins, milk fat and/or vegetable oil and/or egg oil and if necessary ingredients such as flavourings and seasoning substances,
 - ç) Seasoning substance: Edible products such as fruits and vegetables and their juices, their concentrated juices, their purée, their pulp, and nuts such as hazelnut, peanut, almond, walnut; and herbs and herb preparations such as cereals; sugar products and honey, coffee, cacao, chocolate, spices,
- d) Tropical and/or special fruits: Fruits which have high and/or intensive density such as pineapple, banana, kiwi, mango, guava, passion fruit, soursop fruit, corossol, cherimoya,
- e) Water: Drinking water in compliance with the conditions specified in the Regulation on Water Intended for Human Consumption published in the Official Gazette dated 17/2/2005 and numbered 25730,
- f) Iced products, according to their ingredients and marketing;
 - 1- Water ice: Iced product which is prepared by using water, sugar and if necessary flavourings and seasoning substances and of which dry matter is minimum 12% in weight,
 - 2- Seasoned ice: Iced product which complies with the general definition of ice mixtures and contains at least 15% fruit in weight and of which dry matter is at least 12% in weight,
 - 3- Sorbe: The product which complies with the general definition of ice mixtures and contains at least 25% fruit and/or vegetables in weight and of which dry matter is at least 12% in weight,
 - 4- Milky ice: The iced product which complies with the general definition of edible iced products and contains at least 2,5% milk fat and at least 6% non-fat milk dry matter in weight and contains only milk protein,
 - 5- Ice crème: The iced product which complies with the general definition of edible iced products and contains at least 5% vegetable oil and/or milk fat and/or egg oil, and does not contain any protein other than milk protein and of which milk protein content is at least 2,2% in weight.

SECOND CHAPTER

General Provisions

Product Specifications

Article 5 - (1) Specifications of the products within the scope of this Communiqué are given below:

- a) The products shall have the characteristic taste, odour and structure.
- b) The mass of unit volume of the products shall be at least 475 g/L.
- c) Other specifications of the products within this Communiqué are given in the Annex-1.
- ç) Total number of specific microorganism stated in the Annex-2 of the Turkish Food Codex Communiqué on Fermented Milk Products is not sought in the iced products containing fermented milk products.
- d) Probiotics, prebiotics, edible carbohydrates and certain foods such as starch and natural fibres as a stabilizer can be added to the iced products in such an enough quantity by technologically.
- e) The iced products registered as geographical indication shall be submitted to market in accordance with the specifications stated in geographical indication registry providing that they are not contrary to the provisions of the horizontal food codex.
- f) The sugar which will be used in the production of the products within this Communiqué shall be complied with the provisions of the Turkish Food Codex Communiqué on Sugar published in the Official Gazette dated 23/8/2006 and the numbered 26268.

Food Additives

ARTICLE 6 – (1) The food additives used in the products within the scope of this Communiqué shall comply with the provisions of the Turkish Food Codex Regulation on Food Additives published in the Official Gazette dated 30/6/2013 and the numbered 28693.
(2) Colours shall not be used in the products in which seasoning substances are not used in production.

Flavourings and ingredients with flavouring properties

MADDE 7 - (1) Flavourings and ingredients with flavouring properties used in the products within the scope of this Communiqué shall comply with the provisions of the Turkish Food Codex on Flavourings and Ingredients with Flavouring Properties published in the Official Gazette dated 29/12/2011 and with the third reiterated number 28157.

(2) The flavourings of milk and milk products shall not be used in the products within this communiqué.

Contaminants

ARTICLE 8 - (1) The contaminant levels in the products within the scope of this Communiqué shall comply with the provisions of the Turkish Food Codex Regulation on Contaminants published in the Official Gazette dated 29/12/2011 and with the third reiterated number 28157.

Pesticide residues

ARTICLE 9 - (1) The amounts of the pesticide residues in the products within the scope of this Communiqué shall comply with the provisions of the Turkish Food Codex Regulation on Maximum Residue Limits of Pesticides published in the Official Gazette dated 25/11/2016 and numbered 29899.

Tolerance levels of veterinary drugs

ARTICLE 10 - (1) The residue amounts of veterinary drugs which can be found in the products within this Communiqué shall comply with the provisions of the Turkish Food Codex Regulation on Classification and Maximum Residue Limits of Pharmacologically Active Substances in Foodstuffs of Animal Origin published in the Official Gazette dated 7/3/2017 and numbered 30000.

Hygiene

ARTICLE 11 - (1) The products covered by this Communiqué shall comply with the provisions of the Regulation on Food Hygiene published in the Official Gazette dated 17/12/2011 and numbered 28145, the provisions of the Regulation on Specific Hygiene Rules for Food of Animal Origin published in the Official Gazette dated 27/12/2011 and numbered 28155 and the Turkish Food Codex Regulation on Microbiological Criteria published in the Official Gazette dated 29/12/2011 and with the third reiterated number 28157.

Packaging

ARTICLE 12 - (1) The packages of the products within the scope of this Communiqué shall comply with the provisions of the Turkish Food Codex Regulation on Materials and Articles in Contact with Food published in the Official Gazette dated 29/12/2011 and with the third reiterated number 28157.

Labelling

ARTICLE 13 - (1) The products within the scope of this Communiqué shall comply with the provisions of the Turkish Food Codex Regulation on Food Labelling and Information of Consumers published in the Official Gazette dated 26/1/2017 and numbered 29960.

In addition to these rules:

a) Seasoning substance and flavouring used in seasoned products shall be given with product name. In addition to this rule, the exceptional rules are given below.

1) If any seasoning substance is used other than the seasoning substances given in the Annex-1, the name of seasoning substance shall be used together with the name of product.

2) If the amount of seasoning used in seasoned products is at the minimum value or above the minimum value determined in this communiqué, the name of seasoning substance shall be used together with product name.

3)) In the products in which seasoning substance and flavouring are used together; if the amount of seasoning is below the minimum value determined in this communiqué, the name of flavouring used shall be used together with product name.

4) If the flavouring is used additionally by providing that the amount of seasoning used in seasoned iced products is at the minimum value determined in this communiqué, it is not obligatory to state name of the flavouring in the product name.

Nutrition and Health Claims

ARTICLE 14 - (1) Nutrition and health claims in the product within the scope of this Communiqué shall comply with the provisions of the Turkish Food Codex Regulation on Nutrition and Health Claims published in the Official Gazette dated 26/1/2017 and numbered 29960.

Transportation and Storage

ARTICLE 15 - (1) Transportation and storage of the products within the scope of this Communiqué shall comply with the provisions of the Turkish Food Codex Regulation related to transportation and storage of foods. In addition to these general rules, the additional rules are given below:

a) The product temperature shall be max -18 C during transportation, storage and marketing to the consumer.

Sampling and Analysis Methods

ARTICLE 16 - (1) Sampling from the products within the scope of this Communiqué and their analyses shall comply with the provisions of the Turkish Food Codex Regulation.

Vitamins, Minerals and Certain Other Substances

ARTICLE 17 - (1) Regarding the addition of vitamins, minerals and certain other substances which will be used in the production of the products within the scope of this Communiqué, it shall comply with the provisions of the Turkish Food Codex Regulation on

Addition of Vitamins, Minerals and Certain Other Substances to Foods published in the Official Gazette dated 7/3/2017 and numbered 30000.

Plants, Mushrooms, Algae, Lichens and Their Preparations used in Foods

ARTICLE 18 - (1) The plants, mushrooms, algae, lichens and their preparations which will be used in the products within the scope of this communiqué shall comply with the provisions of the Turkish Food Regulation on Plants, Mushrooms, Algae, Lichens and Their Preparations Used in Foods published in the Official Gazette dated and numbered

Coccidiostats and Histomonostats Residues

ARTICLE 19 - (1) The amounts of coccidiostats and histomonostats in the products within the scope of this Communiqué shall comply with the provisions of the Turkish Food Codex Regulation on Maximum Levels of Coccidiostats and Histomonostats in Foodstuffs of Animal Origin Resulting from the Unavoidable Carry-Over of These Substances in Non-Target Feed published in the Official Gazette dated 8/2/2015 and numbered 29261.

Notification to European Union

ARTICLE 20 - (1) This Communiqué has been notified to the European Union Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Regulation on the Notification of the Technical Legislation and Standards between Turkey and the European Union published in the Official Gazette dated 3/4/2002 and numbered 24714.

THIRD CHAPTER

Miscellaneous and Final Provisions

Administrative Sanction

ARTICLE 21 - (1) The administrative sanction shall be applied for those who act against this Communiqué, according to the relevant articles of the Law on Veterinary Services, Plant Health, Food and Feed dated 11/6/2010 and numbered 5996.

Repealed communiqué

ARTICLE 22 - (1) Turkish Food Codex Communiqué on Edible Iced Products (Communiqué No: 2005/43) published in the Official Gazette dated 7/10/2005 and numbered 25959 has been repealed.

Conformity Obligation

PROVISIONAL ARTICLE 1 - (1) The food operators who have carried on business before the publication of this Communiqué shall comply with the provisions of this communiqué until 31/12/2019. The foods which have been labelled or submitted to market before 31/12/2019 can be available in the market till the end of shelf life.

(2) Food operators who carry on business within the scope of this Communiqué shall comply with the provisions of the Turkish Food Codex Communiqué on Edible Iced Products (Communiqué No: 2005/43) published in the Official Gazette dated 7/10/2005 and numbered 25959 on until they fulfil the provisions of this Communiqué.

Entry into force

Article 23 - (1) This Communiqué shall enter into force on its publication date.

Execution

ARTICLE 24 - (1) The provisions of this Communiqué shall be executed by the Minister of Food, Agriculture and Livestock.

Annex-1 (Specifications of Product)

	Ice Cream	Seasoned Ice	Sorbet	Water Ice	Milky Ice	
Dry matter (in weight %)		Minimum %12	Minimum %12	Minimum %12		
Milk fat (in weight %)					Minimum %2,5	
Non fat milk dry matter (in weight %)					Minimum %6	
Content of milk protein (in weight %)	Minimum %2,2					
Vegetable oil and/or milk fat and/or egg oil (in weight %)	Minimum %5					
Seasoning Substance	Fruit Amount (in weight %)	Minimum %6	Minimum %15	Minimum %25		Minimum %6
	Vegetable Amount (except from high flavour and consistent) (in weight %)	Minimum %4	Minimum %15	Minimum %25		Minimum %4
	Amount of citrus fruits such as lemon, mandarin, orange and grapefruit (in weight %)	Minimum %4	Minimum %10	Minimum %15		Minimum %4
	Amount of fruits which contain titratable acidity in terms of citric acid in 2,5% and fruit juice mixture (in weight %)	Minimum %4	Minimum %10	Minimum %15		Minimum %4
	Amount of fruits in fruits ices including tropical and special fruit (in weight %)	Minimum %4	Minimum %10	Minimum %15		Minimum %4
	- Amount of vegetables with high flavouring and consistent Celery, winter squash, chill and green pepper, turnip, radish (in weight %)	Minimum %4	Minimum %10	Minimum %10		Minimum %4
	Amount of nuts (in weight %)	Minimum %5	Minimum %5	Minimum %7	Minimum %5	Minimum %5