



STREAMLINING ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY PRODUCTION

On 12 December 2024, solar power plants (“**SPP**”) and wind power plants (“**WPP**”) were exempted from the building audit requirement (the “**Amendment**”). This Amendment will reduce initial costs and help streamlining the permitting process.

Exemption from audit requirement

Prior to the Amendment, SPPs and WPPs were subject to building inspections under the Law on Building Audits (No. 4708), like majority of structures. The Amendment aims to reduce bureaucratic red tape, as SPPs are considered “simple structures that do not threaten the safety of life and property or have a very large construction area”. Accordingly, audit requirement had increased the startup costs and the Amendment aims to encourage further investment.

Similarly, WPPs were exempted from inspection requirements due to the strategic importance of energy sector investments, which aim to accelerate the construction process.

Outlook

According to the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, further steps will be taken to reduce administrative hurdles. For example, renewable energy resource areas (YEKA) will benefit from “super permits,” significantly reducing permit times, such as shortening the pre-licence application period from 48 months to 15 to 18 months, the EIA process to three to six months, and forest permit periods to four to six months.

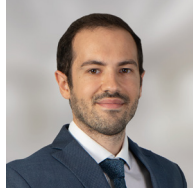
This trend is likely to continue as Türkiye aims to achieve its goal of 120,000 MW of installed power by 2035 through an investment of USD 108 billion.

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