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Introduction	1.	This Regulation is formulated under section 8 subsection (e) of Act No 8/2020 (Water and Sewerage Act) by the powers given under section 58 subsection (a) of the Act.	
Title	2.	This Regulation shall be titled “Water and sewerage service subsidy regulation” .	
Objective	3.	The objective of this Regulation is to establish the procedure and principles for the provision of subsidies in circumstances where subsidy for water and sewerage service are required, as stipulated under the responsibility of the Ministry in Act No 8/2020 (Water and Sewerage Act)	
Enforcement of the Regulation	4.	The Regulation will be enforced by Utility Regulatory Authority.	
Provision of subsidies for water and sewerage services	5.	(a)	If the government decides to reduce part of the service charge for water and sewerage services to a specific category of general households with the agreement of relevant authorities, the Authority shall indicate and publish the amount of financial assistance that needs to be given that category, details of subsidy and tariff rates in the Government Gazette.
		(b)	The maximum tariff rate determined under subsection (a) of this section must be lower than the maximum tariff rate established for commercial and industrial workplaces.
		(c)	While fixing the price according to subsection (a) of this section, tariff bands shall be set in a manner that price differentiation can be done according to usage. And while setting such bands, the first band shall be set as the primary band and prices shall be fixed allowing general households to receive the service at a lower rate from the band.

		(d)	Under the Act No.2/2014 (social protection Act), the National Social Protection Agency shall establish a mechanism within 1 year of enforcement of this regulation to assist people who face difficulties in paying their water and sewerage bills.
Commencement	6.		This Regulation will come into effect after its publication in the Government Gazette.
Definitions	7.		Unless the use of a phrase or a word in this Act does give rise to another meaning, the following phrases and words shall have the following meaning attributed below to those phrases and words.
		(a)	"Authority" shall mean the Utility Regulatory Authority established under Act No. 06/2020 (Utility Regulatory Authority Act).
		(b)	"Subsidy" shall mean the price concessions for services provided as a relief to service users, as well as a financial assistance provided by the state to pay water and sewerage service bill to persons living in poverty.
		(c)	"Household" shall mean a place where people cook, eat, and sleep together. And to everyone who lives in the household.