

## Measures Taken by Turkey Concerning International Freight Transport

### According to the new Circular of Ministry of Interior dated 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020;

- ✓ Previous Circulars dated 9/4/2020 and 27/4/2020 on International Freight Transport has been abolished;
- ✓ Health checks of the drivers will be conducted, if symptoms of disease are detected, foreign drivers will not be allowed to enter Turkey, the Turkish drivers will be subject to quarantine.
- ✓ **If symptoms of the disease are not detected;**
  - Drivers are required to wear masks during resting areas/parking slots in Turkey
  - **For transport operations to/from Turkey;** foreign drivers will be able to enter Turkey **without waiting 14 day quarantine period** on condition that they commit they will leave Turkey as soon as possible (**obligation to leave Turkey within 72+24 hours has been removed**). If foreign drivers feel any symptoms of the disease, they will apply the closest health center.
  - **For Transit** (the same practice applies): Vehicles which will pass in transit through Turkey will be equipped with vehicle tracking system (GPS) and will be allowed to enter Turkey and exit within 24 or 36 hours, based on the distance of the border gate. This period might be extended until 48 hours taking into account the road/weather conditions. Vehicles in transit will use the designated routes, stations/parking stations. Before vehicle in transit enters Turkey, it will be made sure that vehicle will be accepted by the country of its destination. If vehicle in transit is not accepted by the country of destination, they will not be allowed to enter.
  - Transportation of medicine, medical supplies and food goods urgent for the Turkey will be given priority.

- ✓ **Ro-Ro operations:** Drivers of the trucks will be allowed to be onboard on the Ro-Ro lines; Zonguldak- Chornomorsk (Illyichevsky), Istanbul-Chornomorsk (Illyichevsky), Karasu- Chornomorsk (Illyichevsky), Constanta-Karasu, Tasucu-Tripoli, Mersin-Haifa Ro-Ro lines (previously drivers were not allowed, with the new Circular, drivers are allowed)
- ✓ **Iraq and Iran Borders:** Restrictions concerning Border Crossing Points with Iran and Iraq still applies (Traffic is not allowed, only truck drivers of foreign nationalities will be allowed to exit from the aforementioned border crossing points provided they will not be readmitted).