COUNTRY: Turkey

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Turkish authorities have taken additional measures to limit the spread of the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic. Please see the following amendments:

- With effect from 21 March, all flights to/from the listed countries have been prohibited. The entry of passengers from any of the mentioned countries has been stopped at all Turkish border gates (land, rail, air and sea);

- With effect from 19 March, the following borders have been closed to passengers for both entry and exit:
  - Border Gates between Turkey and Greece:
    - Ipsala;
    - Pazarkule;
    - Uzunköprü (railway)
  - Border Gates between Turkey and Bulgaria:
    - Kapıkule (land);
    - Kapıkule (railway);
    - Hamzabeyli;
    - Dereköy.

Turkish drivers returning to their country have to undergo a fourteen-day quarantine. Drivers from a country in the list below can no longer enter Turkey. Drivers from a country not on the list can enter Turkey after having undergone a fourteen-day quarantine outside Turkey (at the border). The list of countries is regularly updated. It should be noted that, for Turkish vehicles only, procedures are in place at the border to transship goods onto vehicles inside Turkey or to exchange drivers.

There is no restriction for citizens of the mentioned countries leaving Turkey.

Country list (updated on 23/03 afternoon):
On 9 April, the Turkish Ministry of Interior set out new measures (translation here) related to limit the spread COVID-19. According to the measures, all drivers will be subject to health checks. Individuals who show symptoms related to the disease will not be allowed to enter Turkey.

For Transit:

- 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.

For transport operations to Turkey:

- Turkish Drivers: after medical checks by the health authorities, Turkish drivers will be allowed to enter if they sign a commitment which proves that they accept to quarantine at home for 14 days. They are not allowed to leave Turkey for 14 days.

Foreign drivers will drive to designated and isolated areas where the exchange of drivers and/or trailer/goods, will be performed. In case this is not possible, then foreign drivers will be allowed to enter Turkish territory after mandatory 14 days quarantine.

Foreign trucks/drivers carrying goods, such as medicine, medical supplies and food supplies, that bear urgency for Turkey, are allowed to enter (without having to quarantine for 14 days) under the obligation to undergo major relevant health examinations/checks and the obligation of getting necessary protective measures.
Bulgarian, Azerbaijan, Nahcivan and Georgian drivers will be able to enter Turkey without waiting 14 days of quarantine period, after having undergone necessary health checks at the determined isolated areas and after the vehicles has been disinfected.

Ro-Ro vessels will only carry trailers (without truck) or containers; drivers will not be allowed to board Ro-Ro vessels.

All of above mentioned measures are not valid for entry/exit to and from Iran and Iraq. Foreign trucks and drivers in Turkey will be allowed to leave Turkey and reach Iraq/Iran by using open border crossing points. However, they will not be allowed to return to Turkey after they have left.

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