

Notification by the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure of Republic of Türkiye



REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE
General Directorate for Regulation of Transport Services

Young Tae Kim
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International Transport Forum (ITF)
Paris - FRANCE

Dear Mr. Kim,

On behalf of the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure of the Republic of Türkiye, I convey my heartfelt regards to the International Transport Forum.

On 6/2/2023, there were two separate earthquake disasters affecting 10 provinces in Türkiye and therefore a state of emergency was declared. A large number of vehicles, both from the disaster area as well as other provinces, have been deployed in a wide region and these vehicles are used for the transportation of humanitarian aid materials and the evacuation of the citizens of these provinces to other regions.

During these operations the drivers may not comply with the driving and resting hours requirements determined in the AETR Convention due to the urgency of the situation.

After completing their duties in the disaster area, these vehicles, a significant part of which will be used for international transportation, are likely to be imposed fine by the control authorities during the tachograph controls on the territory of the member countries. In order to prevent the penalties to be applied to the drivers and companies due to a force majeure situation beyond the control of the drivers, I request your support to provide a temporary exemption to Turkish vehicles in the frame of tachograph controls by the member countries until 8/5/2023, when the state of emergency will terminate.

I hereby convey my deepest respects.



Enver İSKURT
Deputy Minister

