



Coronavirus Outbreak – Impact on Border Crossing Points of Turkey

Turkey

As the corona virus continue its rapid spread in different regions, governments continue to introduce emergency measures to halt the progress of the corona virus cases.

Border crossing points of Iraq, Azerbaijan and Turkmenistan which are open to Iran has been closed by related authorities since 22.02.2020 and this temporary measure continue.

After above mentioned decision of related countries and due to the current situation about corona virus cases, border crossing points of Turkey which are open to Iran has been closed by Turkish authorities. Except Turkish vehicles and truck drivers; foreign plated vehicles, goods and passengers coming from Iran are not allowed by Turkish authorities to enter Turkey.

As of now, Turkish authorities allow foreign plated trucks to use Turkish border gates which are open to Iran for bilateral transport operation and for transit transport operation via Iran.

Due to the current situation about corona virus cases, a new measure has been put in practice by Georgian authorities and according to the new measure, people who traveled Iran, South Korea, China and Italy within last 28 days are not allowed by Georgian authorities to enter Georgia.

On the other side, as a new measure, border crossing points of Turkey which are open to Iraq, has been closed by Turkish authorities since 29.02.2020. According to the new measure, goods and containers which go to Iraq, are going to be carried by Iraqi vehicles and drivers from Halil Ibrahim Border Gate to final destination point in Iraq.

All above mentioned measures cause long waiting times at border crossing points and Turkish customs authorities and other related authorities take necessary measures to accelerate border crossing processes.

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