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A. TRANSIT VEHICLES AND DRIVERS THROUGH TURKEY

1. Within the scope of combating coronavirus, the vehicle driver's health check will be performed by the health units and the person / persons who have symptoms related to the disease will not be allowed to pass.

- 2. Entering vehicles will be subjected to a disinfection.
- 3. Drivers will be provided to wear masks at any point they may be in contact with other people during their domestic breaks/resting, and to have a sufficient number of masks, disinfectants and food for a long time.
- 4. Resting areas and routes of trucks which are passing through Turkish customs territory will be determined by the customs authorities and they will be ensured to leave Turkey by using "vehicle tracking system" within the shortest period.
- 5. Necessary health and safety measures will be taken by the relevant Governorship / District Governorates at the break/resting places to be determined by the customs administrations
- 6. A written engagement will be taken at the entrance gates by the Ministry of Internal Affairs units regarding the fact that they will not layover or wait, other than necessary, from the drivers who will be in transit from Turkey. If not, he will be informed that a penalty will be imposed under the General Sanitary Law
- 7. Before the entry permit is granted, it will be ensured that the vehicles will be accepted by the country from which they will exit through our country, and if the vehicles are not accepted by the country of entry if they leave our country, the entry of these vehicles will not be approved.

B. DRIVERS WHICH WILL ENTER TO TURKEY

1. Within the scope of combating coronavirus, following the health checks of the driver will be conducted by the health authorities, and according to the examination and epidemiological assessment,

a. If symptoms related to the disease are observed;

- i. For Turkish drivers, it is going to be maintained to be kept under quarantine / treatment at the designated areas by notifying relevant Health Administrations. Residence and identification information will be notified to the relevant city's Health Administration in order to ensure the required checks.
- **ii.** Foreign drivers will not be allowed to cross the border.

b. If no symptom related to the disease are observed;

- i. Turkish drivers will be taken inside country in condition of completing the 14 days quarantine period in their homes, but they will be able to exit from country for the purpose of international commercial transport without fulfilling the quarantine duration. Drivers who will not exit from the country for the purpose of international transport, shall complete the 14 days quarantine duration in their homes. Residence and the identification information of the Turkish drivers will be notified to the relevant city's Health Administration in order to ensure relevant checks.
- ii. In case of given a written engagement by the foreign national drivers, stating that they will leave the country at the shortest duration, they will be allowed to enter the country without implementing the 14 days quarantine duration. Within the duration that they stay inside the

- country, foreign national drivers commit that they will apply to the closest health authority if they feel the evaluation of any respiration infection symptom/finding (high body temperature, coughing, shortness of breath, etc).
- iii. It will be notified by the Ministry of Interior Affairs' bodies to the foreign national drivers that they will have to wear mask at the parking/resting places inside the country and at every point that they may have contact with other people, they must have enough mask, hand disinfectants and food stuff enough for a long period in their vehicles, if found necessary the resting places may be determined by the State as well as driving with escort shall also be applied.
- **2.** Vehicles entering to our country will be subject to disinfection process.
- **3.** At the determined resting place itineraries, Governorship / District Governorates shall take the necessary security and health measures. Ministry of Interior Affairs Bodies will obtain an engagement from these drivers stating that they will not wait and stop except necessary situations, and it is going to be ensured to be notified that they will be punished under the General Sanitary Law if they fail to comply with the obligations of this engagement.
- **4.** Vehicles/drivers that carry medicine, medical supplies and food supplies which bear urgency for our country, are prioritized.

C. CONDITIONS THAT SHALL BE APPLIED TO RORO VOYAGES

- 1. In general, only trailer/container transport shall be carried out within the RO-RO transport scope and passenger transport will not be allowed. In case of embarking of driver, because of necessary situations that are confirmed by the Port Civil Administration, the whole rules stated in this circular letter will also be applied to them during entry / exit from country will be notified by the Port Civil Administration to the drivers.
- 2. For the voyages between Zonguldak Chornomorsk (Ilyıchevsky), İstanbul (Haydarpaşa) Chornomorsk (Ilyıchevsky), Karasu Chornomorsk (Ilyıchevsky), Köstence Karasu, Taşucu Tripoli, Mersin Hayfa Ports, drivers will be allowed to embark.
- **3.** If there are drivers confirmed to embark in line with the article 1 and article 2 in the ferries, the obligation of establishing social isolation among the ferry crew and passengers (if there are) will be notified to the ship master and other associates by the Port Civil Administration.
- **4.** Vehicles arrived our country via RO-RO voyage, firstly the driver cabinet, will be disinfected before delivering to the drivers