

NEW INSPECTION PROCEDURE FOR INTERNATIONAL ROAD TRANSPORT IN TÜRKİYE

Control of transport documents such as permits, ECMT license or accompanying documents of the foreign trucks while performing transport operations to/from/ in transit through Türkiye has traditionally carried out at border gates or internal customs in Türkiye.

However, due to increasing traffic at the border gates and various violations witnessed concerning use of permits or ECMT licenses in recent years as well as ongoing digitalization works, new control mechanism will be introduced for foreign vehicles in which road side inspections will also be carried out as from October 2025 and in case of violations, administrative penalties will be applied.

New mechanism is not meant to bring new rules but facilitate control procedures at the border gates and make sure that internationally adopted rules apply during transport operations in Türkiye.

In this regard, foreign vehicles performing international road transport operations to, from or in transit through Türkiye are reminded to comply with the following rules:

1. Internal transportation (cabotage) by foreign vehicles within the territory of Republic of Türkiye is prohibited. Those foreign vehicles which violate this rule are subject to penalty. Amount of penalty has increased and in case of repetition of the violation within the same calendar year, **administrative penalty will be multiplied.**
2. If permit is required from that foreign vehicle in line with international/bilateral agreements or Protocols, **then that vehicle must keep the original copy of the permit** (or ECMT licence) suitable for the type of operation during transport operations. If these permits/licences are in electronic form, then they should be verifiable. For example, hauliers which submit their permit/ECMT licence at the border gate should also keep their original permit/licence until transport operation is completed. Violations detected such as some hauliers transfer their ECMT licence to another truck just after entering Türkiye although they do not complete their transport operations. If Digital ECMT or e-Permit is used, then QR code verification/verification through digital system should be possible.
3. Similarly, if required, then other documents accompanying permit/licence (such as logbook, road worthiness test in ECMT licence etc) should also be on board and must be submitted upon request in line with international agreements and conventions. If these documents are issued electronically, they must be verifiable.
4. It is obligatory to **indicate company/vehicle registration (plate) number on the permit/licence.** In case of multi-entry permits/licences (which can be used by different trucks), then company information should be indicated in line with related international agreement/conventions. Violations often detected such as no plate number is written on the permit and these permits are transferred to other vehicles. Such case will be imposed penalty.

5. Permits/licences submitted by foreign vehicles must be issued in the name of the company using the permit or there must be a valid contract between the permit holder company and the company using the permit.
6. Foreign vehicles that do not have the appropriate permit will not be allowed to leave the country without submitting a new permit or paying the passage fee determined according to the sub-regulatory procedures issued by the Ministry.
7. Transport operations which require special authorization or permit but performed without this authorization/permit will be subject to penalties.
8. During regular international **passenger transportation by road**, operators are obliged to comply with the route, fare and time tariffs in line with their contract and authorizations; they should not embark/disembark passengers except for the departure, intermediate stops and destinations specified on the route.