



### OBJECTIVE / OBJECTIF

This document provides a situational update on airport status and Customs entry points during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ce document fait le point sur le statut des aéroports et des points d'entrée des douanes pendant la pandémie de COVID-19.

NUMBER OF COVID-19 CASES AT THE GHRP'S DATE / NOMBRE DE CAS DE COVID-19 A LA DATE DU GHRP

# 1,872

NUMBER OF COVID-19 CASES ON 17 JUNE 2020 / NOMBRE DE CAS DE COVID-19 LE 17 JUIN 2020

# 195,883

Latest updates highlighted in **yellow**.

### COUNTRY BRIEF / COMPTE RENDU

Turkey was not included in the United Nations' 2020 COVID-19 Global Humanitarian Response Plan (GHRP) with a Humanitarian Response Plan.

Internal restrictions have been imposed by the Turkish authorities. There is a travel ban within several districts. Restrictions apply to grocery store opening hours and the number of customers allowed in shops. The number of bus passengers is restricted to half of its capacity.

A 24-hour nationwide curfew will be in effect from 23-26 May 2020, which marks the Eid al-Fitr holiday. Otherwise, curfews imposed for individuals under 20 and adults over 65 will be gradually relaxed, with people in different age groups allowed to intermittently go out on different days in the coming weeks. Shopping centres, barber shops and beauty salons have already been permitted to resume operations, provided that they install an appointment system and accept customers at half of their capacity. **Universities have reopened on 15 June 2020.** Intercity movement between 30 major cities (including Ankara, Istanbul and Izmir) is subject to local authorities' discretion in each province.

### AIRPORT STATUS / STATUT DES AEROPORTS

#### 1. Airport / Flight restrictions (updated 18 June 2020).

From 30 April, international flights are suspended for an indefinite period. Cargo flights, government flights, emergency medical flights and emergency landings for technical reasons are exempted from this restriction. **International flights resumed on 10 June. On 11 June, domestic flights have resumed to and from Ankara and Istanbul airports.**

#### 2. Passengers / Quarantine (updated 18 June 2020).

Travelers with a Turkish residency permit will be tested for COVID-19 upon arrival. Should they test positive, they will be moved to a quarantine facility. Should they test negative, the traveler should follow a self-imposed quarantine for 14 days. All international passengers are screened with a thermal camera. Those displaying signs of higher-than-average temperature will be subsequently referred to a medical adviser for further examination. Passenger lists must be submitted before disembarkation. **COVID-19 entry regulations were lifted on 12 June 2020.**

#### 3. Airlines Cargo Operations status (updated on 18 June 2020).

**The ban on all flights to/from Greece from/to Turkey is lifted since 14 June 2020.**

### IMPORTATION AND CUSTOMS / IMPORTATION ET DOUANES

#### 3. Customs, land, sea (updated 21 May 2020).

##### Sea ports:

For vessels arriving from countries whose previous port call was a restricted country in the last 14 days, shore to ship deliveries are allowed as long as there is no human contact. Ship to shore off-landing of items is not allowed. Master and crew should coordinate regarding documentation without physical contact.



All vessels must send a Maritime Declaration of Health (MDH) 48 hours prior to arrival. Vessels that have come from at-risk countries will be inspected by health authorities before pilots can board.

For ships, the list of documents required for the health declaration is as follows:

- List of the last 10 Ports of Call (POC) (if the vessel has more than 10 POCs in the last month, those POCs must also be included in the list);
- Maritime Health Declaration;
- Crew List;
- Fever lists for the last day;
- If any embarkation occurred in the last month, an additional list to show joiners' details, embarkation date and port.

Restrictions also apply to crew who embarked from COVID-19 high-risk countries or specific nationalities, which can be found on Wilhelmsen's COVID-19 Port Restrictions Map, along with details regarding how to find the list of 'restricted countries', linked in the 'Useful Links' section.

#### **Land Borders:**

All Turkish commercial borders are now open to cargo movement (source: Logistics Cluster, 20 May 2020).

- Land borders between Turkey and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) are subject to additional checks.
- Restriction apply to border crossing points (BCPs) with Iran and Iraq (see below).
- Imports and exports between Turkey and the EU and CIS countries are facing delays and significant capacity constraints.
- Customs authorities are operating at limited capacities.
- Turkey's borders with Iran and Iraq are now open. International road transport drivers can use Gürbulak Border Gate (between Turkey and Iran, operations started on 4 June) and Habur Border Gate for their transport operations. Once at the border, drivers must comply with procedures set out in the letter. (source: Turkish Ministry of the Interior, 3 June 2020)

#### **Iran:**

- Land border crossings are open since 4 June 2020.
- All passenger, cargo and charter flights to and from Iran have been suspended.
- The Sari Su BCP with Turkey is open only for health products. (source: Logistics Cluster, 12 May 2020).
- The Bazargan BCP only allows 60 trucks per day.

#### **Iraq:**

- Land border crossings are open since June 4 2020.
- The movement of trucks from Turkey to the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI) through Ibrahim Khalil is allowed but Turkish trucks are not allowed to enter KRI and cross-loading at crossing point is mandatory. Significant delays are to be expected. (source: Logistics Cluster, 20 May)



Rail routes to Azerbaijan and Turkey are open for cargo (source: Logistics Cluster, 12 May 2020).

**Vehicles and drivers** must comply with the following conditions:

- All drivers will be subject to health checks.
- Foreign drivers with symptoms related to COVID-19 are not allowed to enter;
- Turkish drivers with symptoms related to COVID-19 will be put in quarantine;
- Foreign drivers without symptoms related to COVID-19 and who plan to leave Turkey within 72 hours of entering will not be subject to quarantine;
- Turkish drivers who do not show symptoms of COVID-19 will be allowed to leave Turkey without any quarantine procedures;
- Trucks which are carrying goods such as medicine, medical supplies and food supplies that are urgent for Turkey will be given priority to enter.

(source: circular updated published by the Turkish Ministry of the Interior, 9 April).

Restrictions apply to Turkish ports, listed below.

**At Istanbul ports:**

- At Airports, operations are affected by restrictions impacting cargo flights.
- At Sea Ports, freighters are flying as normal but capacity is constrained. Ports are operating normally but impacted by congestion.
- At road networks, operations are affected by slight container and equipment shortages. Road networks are normal within city limits.
- At Customs, there is normal cargo movement.

**At Izmir ports:**

- At Airports, operations are affected by restrictions impacting cargo flights.
- At Sea Ports, freighters are flying as normal but capacity is constrained. Ports are operating normally but impacted by congestion.
- At road networks, operations are affected by slight container and equipment shortages. Road networks are normal within city limits.
- At Customs, there is normal cargo movement.

**At Mersin ports:**

- At Airports, operations are normal for cargo flights, but with reduced manpower impacting efficiency.
- At Sea Ports, freighters are flying as normal but capacity is constrained. Ports are operating normally but impacted are congested.
- At road networks, operations are affected by moderate container and equipment shortages. Road networks are normal within city limits.
- At Customs, there is normal cargo movement.

(source: Agility, undated).

**4. Customs, importation procedure** (updated 6 April 2020).

**Restrictions on exportation:**



**Decision number 31058**, a decree issued by the Ministry of Commerce, a number of medical goods related to COVID-19 are restricted from exportation. Companies must now seek government authorization through a permit requirement to export the following goods, listed by their position on the *Communiqué on Export Prohibited and Pre-Permitted Goods (Export 96/31)*:

- 27 – “Protective masks (gas, dust and radioactive dust filter masks)” placed on the market with the scope of Personal Protective Equipment Management;
- 28 – “Overalls (protective work clothes)” placed on the market with the scope of Personal Protective Equipment Management;
- 29 – “Protective apron used against chemicals” placed on the market with the scope of Personal Protective Equipment Management;
- 30 – “Goggles (protective goggles)” placed on the market with the scope of Personal Protective Equipment Management;
- 31 – “Medical and surgical masks” placed on the market with the scope of Medical Device Regulation;
- 32 – “Medical sterile / non-sterile gloves” placed on the market under the Medical Device Directive.

(source: Ministry of Commerce, 4 March 2020)

#### **Easing of Importation requirements:**

The government of Turkey has published three acts to reduce import duties for items related to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **Decision Number 2284.**

- The government lifted import duties on: 2207.20.00.10.13 – ethyl alcohol (used in disinfectants).

#### **Decision Number 2285.**

- The government abolished the additional duties imposed on: 9019.20.00.00.18 – Ventilators.

#### **Decision Number 2286.**

- The government abolished the additional duties imposed on: 6307.90.98.10.11 – Disposable Medical Masks.

(source: Government of Turkey, 25 March 2020)

A notice by the Ministry of Trade stated that:

- Article 105 of the “Resolution on Application of Certain Articles of Customs Law Number 4458” (linked to the Council of Ministers Resolution number 2009/15481) set conditions regarding relief from Customs duties for relief goods.
- Goods imported by public institutions and organizations, associations working for the public interest and foundations granted tax exemption by the Council of Ministers, are exempted from Customs duties.
- Regarding implementation of this legislation, upon an official notification detailing the import by the importing institution to the General Directorate of Customs of the Ministry of Trade, the related Customs office is informed



immediately about the transaction and Customs procedures are conducted in a preferential way in order not to cause any delay.

(source: Ministry of Trade, 6 April 2020).

**5. Annex J-5 of the Revised Kyoto Convention:** Not ratified.

**6. Annex B.9 of the Istanbul Convention:** Signed 15 December 2004.

**7. ASYCUDA user:** No.

**8. ASYREC user:** No.

### **USEFUL LINKS / LIENS UTILES**

**CIQP Bulletins for other countries are available [here](#).**

#### **Country-specific:**

Government of Turkey, [Decision Number 2284 on ethyl alcohol \(25 March 2020\) \(Turkish\)](#)

Government of Turkey, [Decision Number 2285 on ventilators \(25 March 2020\) \(Turkish\)](#)

Government of Turkey, [Decision Number 2286 on disposable medical masks \(25 March 2020\) \(Turkish\)](#)

Ministry of Commerce, [Decision Number 31058: Notice on export prohibitions and additional licencing \(4 March 2020\) \(Turkish\)](#)

Ministry of the Interior, [Circular \(9 April 2020\) \(English\)](#)

Ministry of Trade of the Republic of Turkey, [Relief from Customs duties Notice \(6 April 2020\) \(English\)](#)

Turkish Republic of Commerce, [website](#)

#### **General:**

Agility, [Global Shipping Updates: COVID-19](#)

International Air Transport Association (IATA), [Coronavirus Outbreak – Update](#)

International Air Transport Association, [Government Measures Related to Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

**International Air Transport Association, [Air Cargo Operations Status, COVID-19](#)**

International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), [COVID-19 airport status](#)

International Organization for Migration, [Points of Entry Status](#)

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(Customs, Immigration and Quarantine Procedures)

United Nations, [\*Global Humanitarian Response Plan: COVID-19\*](#)

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United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, [\*Observatory on Border Crossings Status due to COVID-19\*](#)

Wilhemnsen, [\*COVID-19 Global Port Restrictions Map\*](#)

World Customs Organization, [\*HS classification reference list for COVID-19 medical supplies \(3rd edition\)\*](#)

World Customs Organization, [\*COVID-19 – WCO Updates\*](#)

World Customs Organization, [\*List of national legislation of countries that adopted temporary export restrictions on certain categories of critical medical supplies in response to COVID-19\*](#)

World Customs Organization, [\*List of national legislation of countries that adopted temporary import support \(lowering or waiving of direct and indirect duties and taxes\) on certain categories of critical medical supplies in response to COVID-19\*](#)

World Health Organization, [\*Coronavirus disease \(COVID-2019\) situation reports\*](#)

World Trade Organization, [\*COVID-19: Trade and Trade-related measures\*](#)

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