Circular of Ministry of Interior dated 9/4/2020 concerning International Freight Transport has been amended on 27/4/2020 and in accordance with these Circulars:

- Health checks of the drivers will be conducted, if symptoms of disease are detected, foreign drivers will not be allowed to enter Turkey, the Turkish drivers will be subject to quarantine.

- If symptoms of the disease are not detected:
  - For Transit (the same practice applies): Vehicles which will pass in transit through Turkey will be equipped with vehicle tracking system (GPS) and will be allowed to enter Turkey and exit within 24 or 36 hours, based on the distance of the border gate. This period might be extended until 48 hours taking into account the road/weather conditions. Vehicles in transit will use the designated routes, stations/parking stations.
  - For transport operations to/from Turkey: foreign drivers will be able to enter Turkey without waiting 14 day quarantine period on condition that they commit they will exit Turkey within 72 hours (72 hour period can be extended for 24 hours based on the conditions of the road/weather/customs).
  - The Turkish drivers will be able to leave Turkey without waiting 14 days.
  - Transportation of medicine, medical supplies and food goods urgent for the Turkey will be given priority.

- Restrictions concerning Border Crossing Points with Iran and Iraq still applies (Traffic is not allowed, only truck drivers of foreign nationalities will be allowed to exit from the aforementioned border crossing points provided they will not be readmitted).
- Ro-Ro operations are carried out without drivers (only semi-trailers/trailers are accepted).

Remarks from the International Road Transport Union

09.05.2020

On 8 May, the Turkish Ministry of Interior updated the measures related to drivers entering Turkey (unofficial translation here). All of the below mentioned measures are not valid for entry/exit to and from Iran and Iraq.

According to the updated measures:

1. the previous obligation for foreign drivers who do not show symptoms of COVID-19 to leave Turkey within 72 hours of entering has been lifted. However, foreign drivers will be obligated to agree with a letter of commitment that they will exit Turkey as soon as possible. In this case only they will not be subject to a 14-day quarantine period.

2. drivers will be allowed to board Ro-Ro vessels if operating between the following ports:

   - **Turkey-Ukraine:**
     - Zonguldak – Chornomorsk (Ilychevsky)
     - Istanbul (Haydarpaa) - Chornomorsk (Ilychevsky)
     - Karasu – Chornomorsk (Ilychevsky)
   - **Turkey-Romania:**
     - Constanta - Karasu
   - **Turkey-Lebanon:**
     - Taucu - Tripoli
   - **Turkey-Israel:**
     - Mersin - Haifa

All other measures remain in place.

Sources: UND and TOBB

10.04.2020

On 9 April, the Turkish Ministry of Interior set out new measures (translation here) related to limit the spread COVID-19. According to the measures, all drivers will be subject to health checks. Individuals who show symptoms related to the disease will not be allowed to enter Turkey.

After medical checks by health authorities, Turkish drivers will be allowed to enter by signing a commitment which proves that they accept to quarantine at home for 14 days, if they visited risky countries within last 14 days.

Foreign drivers will drive to designated and isolated areas where the exchange of drivers and/or trailer/goods, will be performed. In case this is not possible, and in case they have visited countries at risk within the last 14 days (see list below), foreign drivers will be allowed to enter Turkish territory only after a mandatory 14 days quarantine.

Foreign trucks/drivers carrying goods, such as medicine, medical supplies and food supplies, that bear urgency for Turkey, are allowed to enter (without having to quarantine for 14 days) under the obligation to undergo major relevant health examinations/checks and the obligation of getting necessary protective measures.

Sources: UND and TOBB
Bulgarian, Azerbaijani, Nakhchivan and Georgian drivers will be able to enter Turkey without waiting 14 days of quarantine period, after having undergone necessary health checks at the determined isolated areas and after the vehicles has been disinfected.

Ro-Ro vessels will only carry trailers (without truck) or containers; drivers will not be allowed to board Ro-Ro vessels.

All of above mentioned measures are not valid for entry/exit to and from Iran and Iraq. Foreign trucks and drivers in Turkey will be allowed to leave Turkey and reach those countries by using open border crossing points. However, they will not be allowed to return to Turkey after they have left.

Further clarification on the implementation of the order is expected from TOBB.

Source: TOBB

25.03.2020

Turkey has introduced restrictions on road freight transport.

Turkish drivers returning to their country have to undergo a fourteen-day quarantine. Drivers from a country in the list below can no longer enter Turkey. Drivers from a country not on the list can enter Turkey after having undergone a fourteen-day quarantine outside Turkey (at the border). The list of countries is regularly updated. It should be noted that, for Turkish vehicles only, procedures are in place at the border to tranship goods onto vehicles inside Turkey or to exchange drivers.

Country list (updated on 23/03 afternoon):

Angola / Algeria / Austria / Belgium / Bangladesh / China / Canada / Czech Republic / Chad / Cameroon / Colombia / Denmark / Djibouti / Dominican Republic / Egypt / Ecuador / Equatorial Guinea / France / Finland / Germany / Guatemala / Hungary / Iran / Iraq / Ireland / India / Ivory Coast / Jordan / Kuwait / Kenya / Kosovo / Kazakhstan / Lebanon / Latvia / Montenegro / Morocco / Mongolia / Moldova / Mauritania / NCTR / Norway / Netherlands / Niger / Northern Macedonia / Nepal / Oman / Poland / Philippines / Portugal / Panama / Peru / South Korea / Spain / Sweden / Switzerland / Saudi Arabia / Slovenia / Sudan / Sri Lanka / UK / United Arab Emirates / Ukraine / Uzbekistan / Taiwan / Tunisia.

Source: UND

Within the scope of current measures taken by Turkish authorities due to Corona Virus epidemic, the following applies:

• As of 21st March, all flights with countries listed below have been halted. Passenger entries from the mentioned countries have been stopped at all Turkish border points (land, rail, air, sea).

• Citizens of the countries mentioned below and third-country nationals who have been in these countries within the past 14 days will not be allowed to enter Turkey. (All truck drivers who visited listed countries within the past 14 days will be put in quarantine for 14 days at border gate before entering Turkey)

• Citizens of the countries mentioned below willing to leave Turkey are not subject to restrictions.

COUNTRY LIST:

Source: UND