

Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak – updated situation in Turkey (27 April 2020, 15:41)

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The measures related to drivers entering Turkey (Section B of previous decree) have been <u>updated by the Turkish Ministry of Interior</u> (previous measure <u>here</u> - translation <u>here</u>). All of the below mentioned measures are not valid for entry/exit to and from Iran and Iraq. Previous measures on Sections A (Transit Vehicles and Drivers from Turkey), C (Drivers Exiting Turkey)and D (Conditions That Shall Be Applied to Roro Voyages) will remain.

According to the new updated measures:

o All drivers will be subject to health checks. Foreign drivers who show symptoms related to COVID-19 will not be allowed to enter Turkey. Turkish drivers who show symptoms related to COVID-19 will be put in quarantine.

o Foreign drivers who do not show symptoms of COVID-19 and who plan to leave Turkey within 72 hours of entering, will not be subject to a 14-day quarantine period.

o Turkish drivers who do not show symptoms of COVID-19 will be allowed to leave Turkey without any quarantine procedures.

o Trucks which are carrying goods such as medicine, medical supplies and food supplies that are urgent for Turkey, will be given priority to enter Turkey.

o Foreign drivers should go to the nearest healthcare institution if they feel any signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, shortness of breath, etc.) developing within 72 hours of entering Turkey.

o An additional 24-72 hour period can be given to the transporter by the relevant customs office, considering road and weather conditions.

o Upon entry into the country, drivers will be obligated to agree with a letter of commitment from the Turkish Ministry of Interior stating that they will drive directly to their point of destination, non-stop, except in cases of emergency, otherwise fines will be issued under the General Public Health Law.

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