

COVID-19 GLOBAL PORT RESTRICTIONS

TURKEY



In addition to the flights to England, Denmark and the Republic of South Africa, As of 22.01.2021, flights to Brazil are also has been suspended (including evacuation flights, private jet flights, etc.)

In this context;

- The people coming to Turkey must present the negative PCR test result made within 72 hours who are located in England, South Africa, Denmark and Brazil on last 10 days before arrival.
- Even negative test result is available, it is determined by the governorships; 14 days quarantine will be applied for visitors who are coming from or who were located above 4 countries on last 10 days.
- On the 10th day of the quarantine period, PCR tests will be performed and if the test results are negative, quarantine period will be ended that day.



Latest Important Information

1. Republic of Turkey has decided to suspend flights to United Kingdom, Denmark and South Africa temporarily.
2. Turkey will ask PCR negative test results from all the passengers coming to Turkey as from 28.12.2020. Tests must be valid for 72 hours. Seafarers (on signers/off signers) are excluded from PCR test obligation. However, We recommend that it would be beneficial for on signers to have a valid PCR test.
3. In the letter submitted in the Annex dated 06.01.2021, received from the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS);

It is stated that all citizens of the countries, including Dutch citizens, who will enter the Netherlands from high-risk areas, are obliged to submit negative test results as of December 29, 2020, and the negative test result of the ship people who travel and have a seaman passport as a requirement of their business. It is stated that there are no obligations to operate, but ship people working on commercial yachts and recreational boats will not be exempted from this obligation. Official information published by the Dutch government is available at <https://bit.ly/3be4Ndu> ; The list of safe countries can be accessed via the internet addresses <https://bit.ly/35IIQFI> .

4. In the letter submitted in the Annex dated 06.01.2021, received from the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS);

Including UK, South Africa, Switzerland, Italy, Denmark, Israel, Hong Kong, Spain, Ireland, Netherlands, Singapore, Lebanon, Japan, Canada, Germany, Sweden, Australia, France, Iceland, South Korea and USA It is stated that there is a ban on entries to the Philippines from 21 countries, and it is reported that the ban will be valid between 30 December 2020 and 15 January 2021.

The article continues, it is stated that Philippine citizens who will enter the Philippines from 21 countries with a ban will be exempted from the ban, but it is mandatory to be kept under quarantine for 14 days, including those with negative test results.



General Application

According to the general announcement of government, all vessels arriving to Turkish ports are subject to physical check by the sanitary. The decision of inspection place(at anchor or at port) is under the initiative of sanitary. Agent or any other party will not be allowed to board the vessel before sanitary inspection completed. If there is no COVID-19 suspicion on board, vessel is allowed to berth and commence her operation. If a suspicious situation is encountered vessel will not be allowed to berth for 14 days and to be quarantined .When the 14-day period is completed if there are no signs of disease on board, Vessel will be allowed to berth.



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Requirements

Sanitary Office

A. The following documents are requested from the vessels on Daily basis beginning from 72 hours before the arrival. The documents must be sent by vessels to the relevant e-mail addresses.

- List of Last 10 port call
- Signed and Stamped Maritime Declaration of Health
- Crew list with body temperatures (for last 3 days)
- Passenger and crew information that joined the vessel in the past 14 days
- Information whether there are passengers or crew to disembark from vessel at the port
- The vessels that are considered as risky in terms of health are subject to Sanitary control at the anchorage. Free Pratique is granted by agents when the ship is found not to have any risks.

If it is deemed necessary, the request for additional documents is under the initiative of sanitary office at the location.

B. According to the general statement, it is obligatory to disinfect the accommodation and bridge of all vessels arriving to Turkish ports by authorized companies via agent. Disinfection should be done before boarding the pilot. However, this practice varies according to the dynamics of the regions. It is only obligatory in Iskenderun and Ceyhan ports and new addition in Mersin. Therefore, you should get detailed information about the application from your agent in the region that your vessel will call.

C. On all procedures for the vessels; general measures such as protection of social distance, compliance with hygiene rules, and personal protective measures such as the use of masks, goggles and gloves are respected.

Harbour Master

- All pre-arrival documents must be delivered 48 hours before via agent. Masters must comply with this rule. Otherwise, administrative fines may arise.
- Port State Inspection practices started beginning from 01.06.2020
- Within the scope of combating the epidemic in our country, Continue to cargo, container and trailer transportation is very important. It becomes as a risk for sea transportation to want to carry passengers or truck drivers on these voyages. if passengers are required to carry, The issue should be reported to the general directorate of maritime affairs through ship agents.

Pilotage

- pilots meeting & accompanying parties together with the bridge team shall be donned with convenient masks that prevent mucosal contamination
- elevators / stairs shall be disinfected and will not be used for pilot
- bridge ventilation will be stopped
- transfer to bridge and vice versa shall be done through outdoor where possible.

Ports

- According to the governor's decisions, the ports can take their own measures. Therefore, you should get detailed information about the port measurements from your agent in the region that your vessel will call.



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Crew Change

- Crew members of the vessel, which has free pratique, allowed to have shore pass and visit the city
- Crew Change operations are allowed in all of Turkish ports and straits. Agents have to present flight tickets of off signers to Sanitary and Immigration office. Flight tickets can not be dated more than 3 days after disembarkation date. On signers are allowed to stay in country max 5 days and off signers are allowed to stay in country max 3 days.
- Nowadays Filipino crew members face with the issues about their flights from Turkey to Manila. According to the information received, the reason for this is the measures implemented by the Philippines government. So, crew change should be planned after being sure that the flights of off signers will not be canceled by the airline company.
- As per given info by Qatar Airways Turkey office COVID 19 test is mandatory for Filipino off signers if the transit time exceeds the 12-hour at Doha airport between two flights or if crew member will use transit airports (Singapore ,Hongkong ,Bangkok etc.) that airports apply special pandemic rules. Qatar airways will not accept Filipino crew to the flight if test result is not existing. This is only announced by Qatar Airways at the moment.

Turkish Airlines to the attention of passengers traveling to Germany:

- Passengers are required to submit a negative COVID-19 PCR test result, taken within the last 48 hours, prior to arrival in Germany. Passengers who fail to submit these test results are not be permitted to board the flight. Passengers under 2 years of age are exempt from this application.
- The PCR test may be taken at the organizations listed on the related website by the Ministry of Health or at airports with testing facilities.
- Passengers not eligible to fly due to their test results have free ticket change rights.

We kindly advise that passengers planning to fly to Germany should review the conditions to enter the country from our country specific entry restrictions page <https://www.turkishairlines.com/it-int/announcements/coronavirus-outbreak/travel-restrictions/>

It is required to have a health insurance policy covering COVID-19 treatment for foreign (non-Ukrainian) seaman's when entering to Ukraine. Please check current status from <https://www.iatatravelcentre.com/world.php>

Service Engineer/Technician/Surveyor Attendance

- Service Engineer / Technician / Surveyor attendance depends on the following conditions.
- The repair, maintenance, survey operations can be performed to the bridge, emergency generator room, pump room, engine room, etc., which has an independent entrance from outside of the accommodation. The person who will perform the repair, maintenance, survey operations must wear protective clothes, take all precautions such as mask, gloves, etc. The attendant will not be subject to quarantine at home for 14 days after leaving from the vessel.



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Supply / Spare Part Deliveries

- If it is deemed appropriate by the authorities, there is no restriction about spare part and provision deliveries. Fuel & Fresh Water supply is also allowed. Ministry of Customs allowed delivery of “disposable mask 500 pcs”, “latex gloves 500 pcs”, “safety glasses 50 pieces “,” disposable overalls 50 pieces “,” normal work gloves 500 pieces “and” welding gloves 500 ” per vessel.

Cash To Master

- Cash to Master can be delivered at the ports where the agent does not have any objection about attendance to the vessel. Before sending the CTM, ask the agent about the measurements at the port.

Cargo

- In some ports, disinfection is applied to Roro cargoes arriving with Roro vessels upon the instruction of the ministry. Therefore, you should get detailed information about the port measurements from your agent in the region that your vessel will call.

Waste Collection

- Due to compliance with the Marpol rules, waste collection continue in all ports. Garbage will be accepted in completely closed bags, separated by to each type of garbage. However, in some ports waste collection may not be available for valid reasons.

Turkish Straits

- According to taken measurements in all Turkish ports, rules are valid here as well.
- If the contact permit with the vessel is permitted by the Dardanelles and Bosphorus Sanitary offices based on checking of all documents provided by the vessel, supply services can be rendered by the agent without contact of any person from agent with the vessel.
- Pilotage service at Turkish Straits and ports is given only 20 minutes between each to minimise the number of pilots serving.

Shipyards

- Vessels can berth upon their arrival to shipyard. 14-day restriction has been terminated.
- Vessels are allowed to call to Turkish shipyards after disinfection made by authorized companies at the anchorage.

Important Note

- As applications change regionally, we ask you to stay in touch with us regarding vessel operations.
- Curfew announced by Ministry of Health as follows,
 - During weekend full curfew announced, curfew starts at 21:00 Lt on Friday and ends at 05:00 a.m. Lt on Monday.
 - During weekdays curfew announced for everyday beginning from 21:00 Lt to 05:00 a.m. Lt
- All restaurants are closed for in house service. Only take away services are available.
- This curfew will not affect any vessel operations.