



TURKEY

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Coronavirus, COVID-19

The following information was received from Atlas P&I Service on 22 June:

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Please find herewith attached our last circular regarding the COVID-19 Implementations at Turkish Ports and Straits During Normalization Process.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

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Subject: COVID-19 Implementations at Turkish Ports and Straits During Normalization Process

Dear All,

With reference to our last circulars regarding normalization process in Turkey, please be informed that Turkish Ministry of Health, General Directorate of Border and Coastal Health issued a detailed circular on Covid-19 implementations at Turkish ports and Straits in frame of normalization process on 19.06.2020.

Significant regulations in aforementioned circular should be noted as follows:

1. Vessels & their interests are obliged to comply with general measures taken for Covid- 19 such as protection of social distance, compliance with hygiene rules, and personal protective measures such as use of masks, goggles and gloves in all ship works and transactions.
2. Maritime Declaration of Health, information on vessel's last 10 port calls, information of passenger and crew who joined the vessel in the past 14 days, information on whether there are passengers or crew to be discharged at the port, passenger and crew fever measurements records shall be taken from the vessels coming from abroad and the free pratique shall be given if the vessels are not considered risky for health. Otherwise, free pratique shall be given by controlling the vessels away from the shore.
3. The vessels having free pratique, or the vessels engaged in domestic voyages and their crew members; are able to contact the shore while at port. These vessels can also contact the shore for Crew changes of both Turkish&foreign nationalities, for surveys, repairs & with agents, ship suppliers etc and they can enter the local shipyards for maintenance and repairs by applying disinfection process before their entrance.
4. Passengers and crewmembers entering Turkey from the vessels having free pratique will be screened for fever measurement by camera or remote thermometer. The individuals detected with COVID-19 symptoms during controls are managed and referred according to the possible case algorithm. Passengers and crew coming via sea transportation will be asked to fill in the Information Form including contact, address, communication and symptoms information. COVID-19 information note shall also be given to these people. These forms are kept for a month to be given when requested by the relevant Provincial Health Directorate and are sent to the relevant Provincial Health Directorate upon request.
5. If passengers are suspected of having COVID-19 onboard, in-vehicle procedures shall be applied.
6. If COVID-19 suspected passengers are detected at the port, the passengers shall be quarantined / insulated and the health department contact person as well as 112 (emergency health services) shall be informed accordingly . The passengers shall be transferred to the hospital for necessary examinations.
7. The vessels passing through Turkish Straits without calling any Turkish Ports can contact the shore for surveys, repairs, crew changes, agents, patient discharge, ship suppliers etc. under permission and supervision of Coastal Health Supervision Centre. In crew changes procedure, the health status of the crew who will leave or attend the vessel shall be checked and the crew who do not have health risks should be allowed to leave or attend the ship.

In light of the above, we remain at your disposal for any assistance you may need regarding above listed procedures