

Status of the case as of 11.03.2020

New Coronavirus (new COVID-19) Outbreak and Recent Practices at Turkish ports

Dear All,

Further to our circular dated 04.03.2020 in respect of the new COVID-19 outbreak and recent practices at Turkish ports, we would like to inform yourselves as in the following regarding the latest status as of 11.03.2020:

Please note that in line with the circulars published by Chamber of Shipping dated 09.03.2020 referring to the joint statement from IMO and WHO on the response to the COVID-19 outbreak and reiterating the principles of proper care for all travellers and avoiding unnecessary restrictions or delays on port entry for ships and crew, and additionally depending on port authorities' discretion, presently no delays and no obstruction to vessels' operations at Turkish ports have been noted.

Besides all these above-mentioned positive approaches to minimize effects of recommended preventive actions on trading/maritime business, we also would like to draw your attention to the recently published circulars by Chamber of Shipping dated 11.03.2020, within the content of which it is announced that vessels enroute to Turkish ports should make required declarations including but not limited to "maritime declaration of health" 48 hours prior to arrival at a Turkish port, whereas the same was applied on 24 hours notice previously.

The above provided information reflects the current situation as of 11.03.2020. As the new COVID-19 outbreak continues evolving, we would still recommend Members to contact their local agents in Turkey in order to obtain the latest updated information before calling a Turkish port.

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