Due to Coronavirus (Covid19) pandemic, transits from our border gates have been suspended with many countries and the entrance of citizens of many countries to our country has been banned. However, in the circular letters published by the Ministry of Interior Affairs, it is stated that that, especially the truck drivers who are obliged to enter and exit our country in order for foreign trade to continue, the rules and procedures that will be applied in the entrance and exit of the relevant people will be determined according to the opinions of the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Commerce.

In this context, excluding entrances-exits from Iran and Iraq border gates for international trade purposes (only aliens will be allowed to exit from the mentioned gates on the condition that they will not be allowed to enter), the vehicles and drivers who will transit our country as well as the vehicles and drivers that will enter/exit our country **will be given transit permit provided that the requirements below are met.**

**A. THE VEHICLES AND DRIVERS WHO WILL TRANSIT FROM TURKEY**

**1.** In the scope of fight with Coronavirus, the health check of the driver of the vehicle will be performed by the health units and person(s) who show symptoms of the mentioned disease will not be granted transit permit.

**2.** The vehicles which enter will be subjected to disinfection.

**3**. It will be ensured that the drivers will wear masks during their breaks in the country and at any point where they may be in contact with other people, and that they keep adequate number of masks, disinfectants and long enough food supplies in their vehicles.

**4**. The routes and break locations where the transiting vehicles will pass will be determined by the customs authorities and by monitoring all vehicles that will pass transit through the "vehicle tracking system", it will be ensured that they will exit from the most remote border gate within 36 hours and from other border gates within 24 hours. (These durations can be extended up to 48 hours by the relevant customs authority, taking into account road conditions, weather conditions, work intensity in the customs administration to be exited from, etc.).

**5** . The necessary health and safety measures will be taken by the relevant Governorships/Prefectures in the break places to be determined by the customs authorities.

**6**. A commitment will be taken from the transiting drivers in Turkey at the entrance gates by the units of Ministry of Interior Affairs, stating that they will not pause, wait except for compulsory situations and with this covenant, the driver will be informed about his obligations and that he will be punished in accordance with the Public Health Law in Turkey if these obligations are not fulfilled.

**7.** Before the entry permit is granted, it will be made sure that the vehicles transiting our country will be accepted by the country to which they will exit to, and following the exit of the vehicles from our country if they are not accepted by the country they will enter to, the re-entry of these vehicles will not be approved.

**B. DRIVERS WHO WILL ENTER TURKEY**

**1.** In the scope of fight with Coronavirus, the health check of the driver of the vehicle will be performed by the health units and person(s) who show symptoms of the mentioned disease will not be granted transit permit.

**2.** The vehicles which enter will be subjected to disinfection.

**3.** Drivers will be informed that they should wear masks at break points in the country and at any point where they may be in contact with other people, that they should keep adequate number of masks, disinfectants, long enough food supplies in their vehicles; and they will be communicated by the units of Ministry of Interior Affairs that, if deemed necessary, the break places can be determined by the State and that they can travel with escorts.

**a) If the drivers are Turkish nationals**; After being examined by the units of Ministry of Health and signing the covenant indicating that they have accepted a 14-day home quarantine at their residence, they will be allowed to enter our country, their residence and identification information will be notified to the Health Directorates of the province where they will be located to provide the necessary checks.

**b) If the drivers are Aliens**: It will be provided that the transportation operations will be carried out by changing drivers in the isolated areas and/or trailer/load exchange, and if this is not possible, they will be allowed to enter the country after waiting for the 14-day quarantine period.

**c)**   The routes of the foreign drives who will leave load to our country and maximum durations, will be determined by the customs authorities taking into account the road conditions, weather conditions, work intensity of customs administration, etc. and the necessary health and safety measures will be taken by the relevant Governorships/Prefectures on the vehicles' break routes. A covenant will be taken from the mentioned alien drivers by the units of Ministry of Interior Affairs, stating that they will not pause, wait except for compulsory situations and with this covenant, the driver will be informed about his obligations and that he will be punished in accordance with the Public Health Law in Turkey if these obligations are not fulfilled.

**d)**  If driver exchange or trailer/load exchange is not possible, the entrances of foreign vehicles/drivers carrying medicines, medical supplies and food that are urgent for our country may be allowed without waiting for a 14-day quarantine period on the condition that the necessary health examination/checks are made and necessary protective measures are taken.

**e)** Drivers who have Bulgarian, Azerbaijan, Nakhichevan and Georgia citizenship will be able to enter our country without waiting for a 14-day quarantine period after the necessary medical examination is made in isolated areas that will be determined and their vehicles are disinfected. Within the scope of this article, the relevant articles of section A of this Circular shall be applied to the drivers who will leave a load in our country; and Article 4 will be applied in accordance with the routes they will go to.

**C. THE DRIVERS WHO WILL EXIT TURKEY**

**1** If it is determined that Turkish drivers have not completed the duration of home quarantine in accordance with section B, article 3 and paragraph (a) of this Circular, their will not be allowed to exit.

.**2.** When Turkish drivers arrive at the exit gate, they will be asked to keep masks, disinfectant materials, long enough food items, and the drivers will be warned to communicate without contacting anyone, maintaining the social distance in their arrival countries and along the route and to return without wasting time after unloading their loads.

**3** At the exits of foreign drivers, it will be checked whether they have complied with the rules specified in the Circular, if it is determined that the rules are not complied, criminal action will be taken by the relevant units of the Ministry of Interior Affairs and their re-entry to the country will be prevented

**D. RULES TO BE APPLIED ON RORO CRUISE**

**1.**  Only trailer/container transportation will be carried out within the scope of RoRo transportation and passenger and complete vehicle transportation will not be allowed. In case a driver will be taken for the obligatory cases deemed appropriate by the Port Civilian Administration Supervisor, the drivers will be informed by the Port Civilian Administration Supervisor that all the rules specified in this Circular will be applied for them as well during the entry and exit to the country

2.The requirement that the drivers, who are allowed to enter the ship according to article 1, should maintain social isolation with the ship crew and passengers, if any, will be communicated to the ship's captain and other relevant persons by the Port Property Directorate.

3. The trucks, especially the driver’s cabin, that come to our country with the RoRo cruise will be disinfected before being handed to their drivers.