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**CIRCULAR NOTE**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey presents its compliments to Embassies and International Organizations in Ankara, and with reference to the former’s Notes No: 31233787, 31267209 and 31289234 dated 9 April 2020, 27 April 2020 and 11 May respectively, has the honour to convey the following points.

Information regarding the circular dated 8 May which was issued by the Interior Ministry on the rules and procedures regarding the entry and exit of Turkish and foreign drivers into and from Turkey as well as their transit through our country to third countries in the framework of international freight shipment due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic had been conveyed earlier. The mentioned Ministry has launched a new Circular this time dated 14 May.

The said new circular regulates article 4 under “A- Vehicles and drivers who will transit Turkey” of the circular dated 8 May 2020 as follows:

“Customs authorities will determine the route transiting vehicles will take as well as the rest places they will use. All transiting vehicles will be followed on the “vehicle tracking system” and will be made to leave our country through the furthest border crossing as soon as possible.

The time restrictions mentioned in the circular from 8 May have therefore been nullified.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey avails itself of this opportunity to renew to Embassies and International Organizations in Ankara the assurances of its highest consideration.

Ankara, 15 May 2020

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