

# Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command

## Customer and Carrier Advisory

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### Update 1

**Subject:** Customs Guidance for Shipping Department of Defense (DoD) Surface Cargo Imported to/Exported from or Transiting through the Republic of Turkey.

**Purpose:** To provide the DoD shippers, booking offices and commercial carriers with updated customs guidance for shipping DoD surface cargo to/from or transiting through the Republic of Turkey.

#### References:

- a) The Republic of Turkey Customs Law 4458 Chapter 3, Article 225-1.
- b) The Republic of Turkey Official Customs Website.
- c) Defense Transportation Regulation, Part V, Chapter 510.

**Be Advised:** Shippers, booking offices and commercial carriers should be aware that DoD surface cargo imported to/exported from the Republic of Turkey **must be booked to/from the seaport of "Izmir (LR1) only."** Customs clearance for DoD cargo will be completed by the 839<sup>th</sup> TC-Black Sea Detachment-TU, located in Izmir, Turkey.

This constraint does not apply to DoD cargo **transiting through** the Republic of Turkey. Cargo for destinations outside of Turkey may use additional seaports (LR6 Istanbul, LQ1 Iskenderun, LQ2 Mersin).

In accordance with International Agreements Handbook dated 2007 between United States and Government of Turkey (GOT), *"Be advised that U.S. agencies are required to gain approval for vehicles, computers, Major Items of Equipment (MIE), and generators from GOT. Advance GOT approval is required any time vehicles, computers, MIE, and generators are imported, exported, sent to DRMO, or moved from one installation to another."* This is accomplished through a Turkish Defense Approval (TDA) request and OPR is Office of Defense and Cooperation-Turkey (ODC-T) TDA office. The TDA/Beyanname for equipment and vehicles will only be granted for cargo offloaded/loaded at **SPOD/SPOE Izmir (LR1)**.

Shippers should also be aware that certain animal products from specific locations in the USA are currently banned from importation to or from transiting through the Republic of Turkey. The complete list of countries prohibited by animal diseases and prohibited substances could be found by following the link to the Turkish Customs Website. Please note the information is in Turkish but can be translated to English.  
<https://yasakli.tarim.gov.tr/>

The DTR Part V, Ch 510, Para JJJ (Turkey) ([https://www.ustranscom.mil/dtr/part-v/dtr\\_part\\_v\\_510.pdf](https://www.ustranscom.mil/dtr/part-v/dtr_part_v_510.pdf)), has been updated accordingly.

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