

ANNOUNCEMENT – PROCEDURE REGARDING EARTHQUAKE AID GOODS TO BE SENT TO TÜRKIYE

1) LEGAL AND CUSTOMS ASPECTS WHILE ENTERING TÜRKIYE

Legal provisions regarding Customs operations in case of crisis aid:

- Turkish Customs Code (no. 4458), Article 167
- Turkish Cabinet Degree (no. 2009/15481), Article 105
- Turkish Customs Exemption Communiqué (serie no. 2), Articles 35~42

Aid goods regarding natural disasters are exempted from tax as per the rules above. Customs operations are made by submission of the attached form to relevant Customs authority.

Relevant articles of the Customs Exemption Communiqué:

***ARTICLE 35 – (1)** Entry of the goods into free movement donated by foreigner natural and legal persons under Turkish Cabinet Degree (no. 2009/15481) Article 105 are permitted only by*

- *public entities*
- *public-benefit foundations rendered tax-exempt by Turkish Cabinet*
- *public-benefit associations*

***ARTICLE 36 – (1)** Consignment/transport document shall be presented for aid items (necessaries and others) sent from abroad as per Customs legislation. Customs operation is completed by preparation and presentation of goods list by the receiving entity/association according to ATT-7 (the attached form*) to relevant Customs authority.*

(2) Operations regarding aid goods to be delivered to public entities shall be completed by existing documents.

In this respect, submission of the form (including vehicle and goods information) to Turkish Customs Office of entry will be sufficient.

On the other hand, in case (a non-EU state) Serbia is transited, in order to remove border-crossing problems and delays, it is important to inform Serbian authorities by means of Ministries of Foreign Affairs regarding aid-carrying vehicle information (plate number).

Coordination with the Thrace Regional Directorate of Customs & Foreign Trade is ensured and measures are taken regarding entry into Türkiye with Customs offices of Kapikule, Ipsala, Hamzabeyli and Dereköy.

In addition, relevant management and dispatch regarding direction of aid goods are being conducted swiftly by AFAD (Disaster & Emergency Management Presidency) and civilian administrations.

Relevant Customs Offices:

- Kapikule Customs Office – Cihangir TÜYSÜZ (+90 505 38512 53)
- Ipsala Customs Office – Osman DEMİRKOL (+90 542 634 94 40)
- Hamzabeyli Customs Office – Salim BAYRAM (+90 555 511 88 07)
- Dereköy Customs Office – Kubilay TARHAN (+90 533 723 00 72)

* **Attachment:** Ek-7 (ATT-7) Form

VEHICLE INFORMATION	INCOMING GOODS INFORMATION		
TRUCK: Country, Plate			
SHIP: Name, Agent			
AIRPLANE: Flight Number			
	Name, Type	Quantity	Weight

2) POTENTIAL RECIPIENTS SORTED BY DISTRICTS

The goods within this scope are required to be delivered to the name one of the following institutions/organs in order to maintain regular coordination with the relevant Ministries

- AFAD – Afet ve Acil Durum Durum Yönetimi Başkanlığı / Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency
- Ankara Sosyal Yardımlaşma ve Dayanışma Vakfı – Ankara Foundation of Social Assistance and Solidarity
- Şanlıurfa Sosyal Yardımlaşma ve Dayanışma Vakfı – Şanlıurfa Foundation of Social Assistance and Solidarity
- Kahramanmaraş Sosyal Yardımlaşma ve Dayanışma Vakfı – Kahramanmaraş Foundation of Social Assistance and Solidarity
- Adıyaman Sosyal Yardımlaşma ve Dayanışma Vakfı – Adıyaman Foundation of Social Assistance and Solidarity
- Adana Sosyal Yardımlaşma ve Dayanışma Vakfı – Adana Foundation of Social Assistance and Solidarity
- Hatay Sosyal Yardımlaşma ve Dayanışma Vakfı – Hatay Foundation of Social Assistance and Solidarity
- Diyarbakır Sosyal Yardımlaşma ve Dayanışma Vakfı – Diyarbakır Foundation of Social Assistance and Solidarity

In order to process the customs procedures of the aforementioned goods, it is enough to submit the following documents to the customs administration:

- Aforementioned goods;

- Transport document if there is
- Goods list (according to the following sample)

3) PROCEDURE FOR SENDING OF AID-GOODS FROM GERMANY

Goods list and vehicle information originating from Germany have to be approved beforehand by Turkish Consulate Generals or local charities (Red Cross or Caritas).

The goods list shall include:

- Consigner and recipient information
- Item name/definition
- Box quantity

Upon approval of goods list, TIR Carnet or T2 document shall be prepared for roaming of aid goods.

Approval of Turkish Consulate Generals or local charities (Red Cross or Caritas) is required for preparation of TIR Carnet or T2 document.

Entry of AFAD (Disaster & Emergency Management Presidency) as recipient will be helpful in order to speed up the coordination.

In case assistance for TIR Carnet or T2 preparation is needed, local logistics companies or “PHL for TIR Carnet” or “Imex Lojistik for T2” located in Suben on Germany-Austria border will be able to provide assistance.

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4) TAX EXEMPTION & INTERNATIONAL ROAD TRANSPORT ASPECTS

Regarding the road transport permits for the transportation of aid goods to be sent from abroad to our citizens who harmed due to the earthquake disaster:

It will be easier for foreign plated vehicles to pass through other countries if they have documents (issued by embassies, government agencies, associations and other institutions) proving that they are carrying aid materials.

When transporters carrying goods within the scope of aid materials, request from Turkish Customs Authorities to take action in accordance with the Code 10, which covers *"transport of medicines, medical equipment and other necessary aid materials in emergencies, especially in natural disasters"*, will be able to exempt from Turkish road transport permits (provided that they have the documents proving that the aid material was transported) during their entry into Türkiye.