



INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTERS' ASSOCIATION

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Dear Mr. Dinescu,

Thank you for your letter of 25.11.2013, about the controls at the border gates of Turkey applied by the Ministry of Transport of Turkey.

Turkey has been conducting international road freight transport operations through bilateral Road Transportation Agreements she has signed with certain countries. There are road transport permit quotas imposed by 42 out of such countries on bilateral, transit, 3rd country and other such operations between Turkey and the countries concerned, depending upon the results of negotiations.

Turkish Ministry of Transport has noticed at the beginning of this year that the share of foreign vehicles in Turkey's export transport operations has been constantly increasing to the benefit of foreign transporters dramatically. So, in April Ministry have started silent controls at the borders and further, finding out the proofs of illegal bilateral operations by foreign transporters. Illegal means they have found out that most of the bilateral transport export operations from Turkey are just on transport papers and after the trucks leave the Turkish territory turns out to be a third country operation to the destinations like Germany, France etc.

In order to block these operations the Ministry of Transport of Turkey published a new communiqué instructing the customs to make the controls and apply the fee of 3.000 Euros immediately in case of irregularity which is mentioned in details in your letter until last week.

We'd like to inform you that since last week, also with the initiatives of our Association, there had been a change in the communiqué which gives the transporters time to present CEMT of third country permits to Turkish Customs which means that the 3.000 fee will not be imposed immediately. Within the scope of new instruction, trucks arriving to Turkey with a CEMT will be allowed to fulfill their time at the borders, also 3.000 Euros fee will not imposed for early entrances to Turkish territory. In case of the transporter will not accept to wait at the border, than driver can sign a document voluntarily to pay 3.000 Euro fee which will allows him to enter into Turkish territory.

In this regard, depending on the cooperation between our Associations we'll kindly request you to contact us before any other institutions, about any problems you may have in Turkey.

Sincerely,

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