

**LATEST ALTERATION MADE IN  
THE REGULATION FOR MARINE TRAFFIC IN TURKISH STRAITS**

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Dear Sir / Madam,

As commercial local correspondent in Turkey, would like to apprise our principals of recent development introduced by 03.07.2017 dated and 2017/10477 numbered Cabinet Decision which alters article 10 of The Regulation for Martine Traffic in Turkish Straits.

In line with the aforementioned alteration which was promulgated in 28/07/2017 dated Turkish Official Gazette, it has been enabled for the vessels performing transit passage through Turkish Straits to stay/wait at the anchorage area for 168 hours without free pratique in lieu of 48 hours prior to the change. However such time period could be shorten by the local authorities under their discretion which has also been newly inserted into the relevant article.

Besides, by means of the recent amendments set in the last subsection of the relevant article, although the vessels which demands /requests to stay longer than the designated hour, are still obliged to anchor to the area provided by the authorities; those shall be subjected to the health investigation/inspection in addition to the safety, custom and other relevant inspections, investigation as previously.

We hope that the above may be of your assistance in the future cases.

Yours faithfully,

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