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RECENT COVID-19 NEWS IN TURKEY

We Vitsan AS, as a P&I Correspondent in Turkey, has collected the recent news for Covid-19 outbreak in Turkey which is including the information regarding crew changes, port operations, third party access to the vessels for which we hope it will be helpful and assist to the Associations and Members whose vessels are calling Turkey.

-All ports in Turkey are operational without any suspending and general rules declared by authorities are in force for all ports. However, rarely some ports and terminals are applying additional precautionary rules and can make difficulties to 3rd parties who may request to attend on board the vessel at their port and terminals

-It is not allowed to any party to contact with the vessels without the Free Pratique which is given by the General Directorate of Health for Borders and Coasts after examination on board the vessel. The list of required pre-arrival documents regarding Covid-19 should be requested from the local agents of the vessels

-Crew change / embarkation / disembarkation at Turkish Ports and Straits (including the Turkish crew member) is not allowed

In addition, the crew are not being allowed ashore for non-related Covid-19 medical matters

-Vessel's contacts shall be made for the purpose of bunker, fresh water, provision supply, waste disposal etc. with minimum people who have to use suitable protective equipment (goggles, disposal gloves, mask, overall suit etc.) and at a quickest time period

-Vessel contacts shall be made with the permission and supervision of General Directorate of Health for Borders and Coasts. The contacts to be made without permission of authorities will be imposed a penalty.

-The people who will attend on board with suitable protective equipment (goggles, disposal gloves, mask, overall suit etc.) for repairs, maintenance and survey purposes inside the accommodation area are subject to quarantine for 14 days

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-On the other hand, the people who will attend on board with suitable protective equipment for repairs, maintenance and survey out of accommodation area (at places like forecandle, emergency generator room, pump room, engine room etc.) are not subject to quarantine for 14 days

-Before embarkation of sea and harbor pilots, the bridges of all vessels to be disinfected by the vessel's crew. The disinfection decision of other areas of accommodation is subject to assessment of general directorate of health for borders and coasts which shall be arranged through the local agents of the vessels.

-The vessels which are arriving for shipyard works from foreign countries are being waited at anchor until completion of 14 days period since the last departure date from the last departure port

Please contact us if you have any further queries and if you / your members need our assistance, we are always at your disposal.

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