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## CIRCUMSTANCES IN TURKIYE IN RESPECT OF RUSSIA & UKRAINE CONFLICT MESSAGE NUMBER 1

We wish to inform you the latest developments in Turkiye in respect of ongoing conflict situation between Russia and Ukraine. Here below, we have collected the information on Without Prejudice basis which will concern the Associations, Owners, Charterers, Brokers and vessels calling Turkiye for which we hope to be of assistance.

- The Turkish straits and ports including the Black Sea ports are operational without any problem, restriction or additional safety / security measurements.

Only, the Turkish authorities announced that the Turkish flagged vessels to increase the security level to ISPS 3 if / when they intend to call any Russian or Ukrainian ports or navigate close to the this ports.

- At the moment, in Turkiye there is no restriction to Russian owned, flagged, chartered or managed vessels.
- Likewise, the cargo originated from Russia is allowed to be discharged or transshipped in Turkiye.
- There is no restriction for Russian or Ukrainian crew members' disembarkation from the vessels. The flights is still available from Turkiye to some Russian airports (as per information received the airports around Black Sea has been closed) but no flight is available from Turkiye to Ukraine until 15 March 2022 and may be longer. If disembarkation is planned from Turkiye to Ukraine by land transportation, it will be available until the border of Ukraine but it should be checked by the Ukrainian authorities whether they allow repatriation by land.
- As of now 02 March 2022, there is no official announcement made by the Turkish Government as to the sanctions to Russia but as per information received today the banks are not able to make any transfer to Russia due to intermediary banks are not making the transfer to Russia. There is no restriction for Ukraine.

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We will closely follow the status and developments in Türkiye and will update you if / when any of above changes or new development occurs.

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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