

OTHER USEFULL INFORMATIONS FOR TURKISH STRAITS

Due to local regulations, any kind of contact (except sanitary inspection and pilotage) to Cypriot Flag/owned/managed vessels is forbidden by local authorities. Dangerous cargo carriers over 200 meters are subject to day time passage through Turkish Straits, and during the passage of daylight restricted vessels, the passage of other vessels may be delayed/postponed by TSVTSC.(TURKISH STRAITS VTS CENTER)

Overloaded vessels are prohibited to transit through Turkish Straits.

Air Draft restriction : 58 meters (Over 53.99 m vessels are subject to special permission)

LOA Restriction : 299.99 meters (over 300 meters are subject to special permission)

Draft Restriction : N/A for vessels, but draft more than 15 meters may require early application than usual practice (SP1 Report is required 96 hours advance).

P&I Club Coverage : (For over 500 GT Vsls) must cover salvage, wreck removal, pollution, and damage to the environment, damage to the collided objects, injuries and death of third party persons etc.

Transit Anchorage: Vessels are allowed to stay at the anchorage only for 48 hours (unless ordered by VTSC). Staying at the anchorage more than 72 hours are subject to anchorage fee.

IMCO Cargo : Vessels containing dangerous cargo under IMO IMDG code 1-2-3-5.1-5.2-6.2-7 and with dangerous gas are considered as dangerous cargo carrier, therefore VTSC treats those vessels as tanker with IMCO 3 cargo on board which may result some additional condition during passage, including daylight restricted passage thru Dardanelles and Bosphorus.

EMERGENCY

According to the local regulations and practice VTSC do not allow vessels having technical defect/difficulty/failure/breakdown/etc passing thru Turkish Straits. VTSC requires the technical failure to be repaired, Class report about her seaworthiness and Port State Control to be conducted on board before entering the straits. As the result, we expect delay on those vessels. Please contact and liaise with agent immediately for further details in case of any technical failure, to avoid any further complicated issues. PSC is free of charge for the first visit only, and in case any further visit to the vessel required Authorities charges for each call based on official tariff.

As per local practice and regulations VTSC is authorized to order tugboat assistance/towage service, pilots (On ships account) in case of any technical failure, collusion, grounding, accident etc during the passage thru Turkish Straits.

If Vessel fails within the navigational area VTSC allows maximum 2 hours to recover the failure by the ship, otherwise may order towage service. In case of collusion or grounding, immediate diver's technical report required. Towage and Salvage is under the monopoly of Turkish State Salvage Company which applies TOF (Turkish Open Forms). All the masters are obligated to inform VTSC in case emergency immediately, and since different procedures are applied based on the location of the incidents, local agent to be contacted immediately for further procedures.

ECOLOGICAL POLLUTION

Turkish authorities are very strict on pollution issue. Washing, cleaning, painting, blasting, chipping etc. outside/inside of the vessel that may cause spillage in the water, de-ballasting, spillage, littering are strictly forbidden in Turkish Territorial Waters. Please pay much attention in this issue, especially when bunkering. We recommend all the captains to contact us immediately, when environmental pollution agency boat boards the vessel. Environmental pollution fine must be paid in cash or banking transfers, in order to get the sailing permission of the vessel. We also recommend all the masters to watch carefully about the pollution surrounding them, in order to avoid any accusation from the local authorities especially in Istanbul anchorage area.