

Circular From UK**Date: 25 September 2017****Amendments to Turkish Law In relation to
Drug Smuggling**

The Club has recently been advised of the amendments to Turkish Law in relation to drug smuggling; of particular note is the confiscation of vehicles which has been summarised below:

Any vehicles that are used for drug production and trade will be confiscated.

Any vehicles that are confiscated will not be returned to its owner if any one of the following conditions exist:

- a. If such vehicle is used again for the same crime whilst the investigation and prosecution is continuing.
- b. If such vehicle is not registered in Turkey,
- c. If the drugs caught are significant in quantum and value
- d. Vehicle contains a special equipment for easy performance of the crime

If a security in the amount of the value of the vehicle is deposited to the Ministry of Finance within 30 days, the vehicle will be returned. If not, the vehicle will be sold without waiting the result of the investigation and prosecution and the proceeds of such sale will first be used for the maintenance and sale costs of the vehicle and balance to be kept at an escrow account.

The value mentioned above will mean the casco insurance value for land vehicles, hull and machinery insurance value for vessels and market value to uninsured vehicles.

Source of Information: UK P&I Club