

Circular From SKULD**Date: 24 January 2019****Turkey: Pollution Fines and Criminal Proceedings**

The new tariffs for Turkish pollution fines have been published and the tariffs have increased significantly compared to recent years.

As earlier advised the local authorities who detects a pollution incident are under an obligation to report the incident to the public prosecutor immediately. Subsequently, the public prosecutor will commence a criminal investigation which is usually followed by criminal proceedings brought against the master of the vessel.

Members are encouraged to contact our local correspondents in case of an alleged pollution situation.

As in many other countries environmental protection causes significant fines against vessels violating pollution regulations.

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