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Pollution Fines in Turkey - 2020

Turkey has increased pollution fines under Turkish Environmental Law.

As of 1 January 2020, fines are as follows:

- Pollution caused by tankers discharging petroleum and petroleum derivatives (such as crude oil, fuel products, bilge, sludge, slop, refined product, greasy waste materials etc.):
 - Up to 1,000 (inclusive) GT: 606.67 TL per unit GT
 - Between 1,000 and 5,000 (inclusive) GT: Additional 151.67 TL per unit GT
 - Over 5,000 GT: Additional 15.16 TL per unit GT
- Dirty ballast discharged to sea by tankers:
 - Up to 1,000 (inclusive) GT: 110.53 TL per unit GT
 - Between 1,000 and 5,000 (inclusive) GT: Additional 22.05 TL per unit GT
 - Over 5,000 GT: Additional 3.51 TL per unit GT
- Petrol/petroleum products (such as bilge, sludge, slop, fuel products, greasy waste materials etc.) and dirty ballast discharged to sea by vessels or any other sea vehicles:
 - Up to 1,000 (inclusive) GT: 303.34 TL per unit GT
 - Between 1,000 and 5,000 (inclusive) GT: Additional 60.67 TL per unit GT
 - Over 5,000 GT: Additional 15.16 TL per unit GT
- Garbage and sewage discharged to sea by vessels and any other sea vehicles:
 - Up to 1,000 (inclusive) GT: 151.67 TL per unit GT
 - Between 1,000 and 5,000 (inclusive) GT: Additional 30.34 TL per unit GT
 - Over 5,000 GT: Additional 15.16 TL per unit GT

Correspondents Omur Marine have further advised:

- If the vessel belongs to a corporate entity; shipping company/organisation the fine calculation will be three times the stated amount.
- If the vessel has more than one pollution incident within three years the fines will be doubled for the recurrence of the action and will be tripled on subsequent recurrences that are caused by the same offender within three years.

- After pollution has occurred, the total fine will be reduced by a third, provided the vessel causing the pollution took appropriate action during the pollution removal process.
- If the fine is paid immediately (before the vessel's sailing / within 30 days) a 25% reduction will be applied.

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