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1. Turkey: Pollution Fines

With the Communiqué on “Tax Law Procedure” of the Turkish Ministry of Treasury and Finance published in the “Official Gazette” dated 24/11/2022, penalties for Marine Pollution have been increased by 122.93%. The new penalty tariff is as follows:



Category	Gros Ton	Fine Amount for Real Persons	Fine Amount for Legal Entities
For tankers - raw petroleum, fuel oil, bilge, oil mud, refined product oil waste etc...	1.000	2.009.850,00 TL	6.029.550,00 TL
	2.500	2.763.570,00 TL	8.290.710,00 TL
	5.000	4.019.770,00 TL	12.059.310,00 TL
	10.000	4.270.920,00 TL	12.812.760,00 TL
For tankers - dirty ballast	1.000	366.180,00 TL	1.098.540,00 TL
	2.500	475.755,00 TL	1.427.265,00 TL
	5.000	658.380,00 TL	1.975.140,00 TL
	10.000	716.330,00 TL	2.148.990,00 TL
For ships and other sea vehicles - bilge, oil mud, freight mud, fuel oil, oil waste or dirty ballast	1.000	1.004.920,00 TL	3.014.760,00 TL
	2.500	1.306.405,00 TL	3.919.215,00 TL
	5.000	1.808.880,00 TL	5.426.640,00 TL
	10.000	2.060.030,00 TL	6.180.090,00 TL
For tankers, ships and other sea vehicles - sewage, detergent water, foam, exhaust gas washing system water or any other kind of washing water or solid wastes	18	11.146 TL	33.438 TL
	50	22.293 TL	66.879 TL
	100	44.586 TL	133.758 TL
	150	66.879 TL	200.637 TL
	1.000	502.480,00 TL	1.507.440,00 TL
	2.500	653.230,00 TL	1.959.690,00 TL
	5.000	904.480,00 TL	2.713.440,00 TL
	10.000	1.155.630,00 TL	3.446.890,00 TL

Fines for Sulphur Content of Bunkers

According to the new provision, fines will be applied to ships using fuel with a sulphur content above the limits allowed by IMO regulations and Turkish laws in effect as of 01.01.2020, and the penalty tariff to be applied is as follows:

A	Up to 1000 GT (inclusive)	445.86 TL per TON
B	Up to 1000-5000 (inclusive) GT	55.73 TL will be added to item A per gross ton above 1,000 GT
C	Over 5000 Gross Tons	11.15 TL will be added to the A+B items per gross ton above 5,000 GT

Source: Deniz Ticaret Odası

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2. New shipping line between Jordan's Aqaba port and US aims to cut journey to 22 days

A direct shipping line has opened between Jordan's only port of Aqaba and the US. The new line would cut a container ship's journey between the two countries by 37 per cent to 22 days.

During the first 10 months of last year, Jordan exported \$2 billion worth of goods to the US, compared with \$1.8 billion in the same period of 2021, according to central bank figures. US exports to Jordan rose to \$1.2 billion from \$821 million over the same period. But Jordan's overall container exports from Aqaba remained steady at 86,229 containers last year, according to official figures. Jordan is a main recipient of US aid, receiving \$1.3 billion to \$1.4 billion in development, military, and other aid from Washington every year.



Source: Hellenic Shipping News



3. Jeddah Islamic Port receives new cranes

The Red Sea Gateway Terminal (RSGT), a strategic partner of Jeddah Islamic Port and the operator of its North Container Terminal, has procured three cutting-edge Ship-to-Shore (STS) cranes in its pursuit to supercharge operational efficiency at the world-class hub.

While this addition falls under the wider ambitions of the Saudi Ports Authority (MAWANI) to transform the country's maritime sector into a global logistics powerhouse that boasts high productivity and boosts international trade in tandem with the vision set forth by the National Transport and Logistics Strategy (NTLS).



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The North Container Terminal is now home to 24 state-of-the-art cranes with the addition of the latest batch of heavy-duty equipment, thus fulfilling a critical component in the 6-billion-riyal concession agreement between the terminal operator and the national maritime regulator that seeks to upgrade the installed capacity of the facility to 8.8 million TEUs.

The deployment of modern cranes demonstrates RSGT's long-standing commitment to upscale the terminal's operations and modernize its logistics infrastructure besides upskilling its workforce in support of the Kingdom's growing influence in the global logistics landscape.

Featuring 62 berths, four terminals, and an annual throughput of 130 million tons, the 12.5 sq. km. port is the Kingdom's busiest and the Red Sea's leading hub for maritime trade, transshipments, and re-exports, with an eye on occupying a top-ten spot among the world's best by 2030.

Source: Saudi Press Agency