

Turkey: Revised pollution fines 2021

Further to the Club's previous circular in February 2020, [Turkey: Revised Pollution Fines](#), Members are advised the fines for causing pollution have risen once again by 9.11%. This is in accordance with the declaration by the Ministry of Environment and Urbanisation in Turkey, which was published in the Official Gazette dated 24 December 2020, numbered 31318. With effect from 1 January 2021, the updated amounts are listed below.

Category 1 – pollution from tankers such as petroleum products.

- Up to 1000 Gross Tons: 661.94 Turkish lira per ton.
- Between 1000 and 5000 Gross Tons: plus 165.49 Turkish lira per ton.
- Over 5000 Gross Tons: plus 16.54 Turkish lira per ton.

Category 2 – pollution by dirty ballast by tankers.

- Up to 1000 Gross Tons: 120.60 Turkish lira per ton.
- Between 1000 and 5000 Gross Tons: plus 24.06 Turkish lira per ton.
- Over 5000 Gross Tons: plus 3.82 Turkish lira per ton.

Category 3 – pollution from ships/vessels and other sea vehicles such as petroleum products, fuel oil and other oil waste.

- Up to 1000 Gross Tons: 330.97 Turkish lira per ton.
- Between 1000 and 5000 Gross Tons: plus 66.20 Turkish lira per ton.
- Over 5000 Gross Tons: plus 16.54 Turkish lira per ton.

Category 4 – garbage and sewage discharged by ships/vessels and other sea vehicles.

- Up to 1000 Gross Tons: 165.49 Turkish lira per ton.
- Between 1000 and 5000 Gross Tons: plus 33.10 Turkish lira per ton.
- Over 5000 Gross Tons: plus 16.54 Turkish lira per ton.

Members should be aware that the above amounts are trebled if the liable party is an 'institution, organisation or business', while fines paid within 30 days of notification are reduced by 25%. The fines may also be appealed during this period, though the prospects of success in appeal proceedings are low.

As advised in the Club's 2019 circular, [Pollution Fines in Turkey](#), there are steps Members can take to minimise their exposure. It is important to once again stress that Members should take prompt action to notify the authorities and the Club if a pollution incident occurs.

For further guidance, please contact the Club's local [correspondents](#) or the [Claims Department](#).