

SUBJECT: Increase in the pollution fine rates!

In Turkey, the level of applicable sea pollution fines scale is updated annually.

Pursuant to the Tax Procedure Law General Communiqué, prepared by the Ministry of Treasury and Finance and published in the Official Gazette dated November 27, 2024, the revaluation rate for the year 2024 has been determined and announced as 43.93%. In this context, the monetary penalties stipulated in Article 20 of Environment Code shall be applied at the amounts specified below as of January 1, 2025.

i. For tankers discharging petroleum products and derivatives (crude oil, fuel oil, bilge, sludge, slop, refined products, oily waste, etc.);

Up to 1,000 GT (inclusive)	TL 4,583.90.- per GT
Between 1,000 and 5,000 GT (inclusive)	Additional TL 1,146.01.- per GT
Over 5,000 GT	Additional TL 114.55.- per GT.

ii. For tankers discharging polluted ballast water;

Up to 1,000 GT (inclusive)	TL 835.15.- per GT
Between 1,000 and 5,000 GT (inclusive)	Additional TL 166.61.- per GT
Over 5,000 GT	Additional TL 26.44.- per GT.

iii. For ships and other marine vehicles discharging petroleum products (bilge, sludge, slop, fuel oil, oily waste, etc.) or polluted ballast water;

Up to 1,000 GT (inclusive)	TL 2,291.94.- per GT
Between 1,000 and 5,000 GT (inclusive)	Additional TL 458.40.- per GT
Over 5,000 GT	Additional TL 114.55.- per GT.

iv. For tankers, ships, and other marine vehicles discharging domestic wastewater, detergent water, foam, bilge water, or solid waste into the sea;

Up to 1,000 GT (inclusive)	TL 1,146.01.- per GT
Between 1,000 and 5,000 GT (inclusive)	Additional TL 229.21.- per GT
Over 5,000 GT	Additional TL 26.44.- per GT

Fixed fine amounts for the vessels with a gross tonnage of up to 150 GT;

Up to 18 GT (inclusive)	TL 25,419.-
Between 18 and 50 GT (inclusive)	TL 50,843.-
Between 50 and 100 GT (inclusive)	TL 101,686.-
Between 100 and 150 GT (inclusive)	TL 152,531.-

Yours faithfully,

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