

OFAE-UND RESOLUTION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF FACILITATION DESIGNED TO OPTIMISE BORDER CROSSING AND TO IMPROVE TRADE BETWEEN TÜRKİYE AND GREECE

Road transportation is no longer merely a mode of transport but has become a vital production tool for the uninterrupted continuation of the supply chain, and simplification and facilitation of the border-crossing processes between Türkiye and Greece are of great importance.

Throughout history, countries through which transport activities have been carried out have prospered and increased their level of welfare. Greece and Türkiye are the most important border crossings of Central Asia to the Middle East and Europe and of Europe to the Middle East and Central Asia.

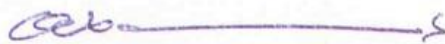
Greece is an important transit country of the EU and the fact that significant investments have been made for the motorway extending from the port of Igoumenitsa in the west of Greece to the Adriatic Sea to the Greek-Turkish border crossing point Kipi-Ipsala in the east is an important indicator of this.

The International Association of Türkiye, UND, and The Hellenic Federation of Road Transports, OFAE, therefore, declare their will for the following items to be realized in order for the foreign trade of both countries to soar further without facing any disruptions.

- ❖ Ensuring the workability of doctor analysis of sanitary goods controls at the Kipi BCP to the order of 7/24,
- ❖ Enlarging the physical border crossing capacities by ensuring the operability of two out of two lanes at the Kipi BCP to the order of 7/24, of which one out of two currently operates,
- ❖ Targeting by Turkish and Greek Customs Authorities of 500 trucks daily crossings per each direction of Ipsala-Kipi Border Crossing Point,
- ❖ Simplifying and facilitating the border crossing procedures by enabling truck drivers to stay in the vehicle while they are crossing through Ipsala-Kipi border gate by taking necessary actions concerning the customs processes,
- ❖ Facilitation of the shift changing procedures at the customs office of Kipi, so that minimum waiting time will be ensured during shift change,
- ❖ Removing the current obstacles that hinder the improvement of the trade between Türkiye and Greece and therefore providing more prosperous border crossings,

The International Association of Türkiye, UND, and The Hellenic Federation of Road Transport, OFAE, call on the Turkish and Greek Governments to undertake all necessary steps to implement the above-mentioned measures, in order to eliminate waiting times and delays at the borders, and even consider to establish a one-stop-shop border control procedures.

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