

Samples

Samples of no commercial value that are easily identifiable as samples and which could not be put to any other use are admitted duty-free. Samples of value and advertising matter are subject to duty at the rate applicable to commercial shipments of the goods represented. They may be sent by post or freight.

Samples of value taken in by visitors may be imported duty-free provided:

- a deposit for the amount of duty is made with the Turkish Customs authorities;
- the samples are re-exported within six months; and
- the samples are entered by the owners or the owners' representatives.

With an international customs clearance document (ATA Carnet) or a cash guarantee, professional equipment and samples and goods for display or use at exhibitions, fairs, meetings or similar events may be temporarily admitted into Turkey duty-free without import prohibition or restriction, but are subject to re-exportation within six months.

Insurance

Unless instructions are given to the contrary, goods should be fully insured on the c.i.f. value and covered for the transit from the seller's warehouse to that of the buyer.

Any insurance coverage required by a company licensed to operate in Turkey must be taken out in Turkish lira with an insurance company (national or foreign) authorized to operate in Turkey. Exceptions are made for coverage not obtainable in Turkey.

Port and Warehouse Facilities

Unloading at Istanbul and Izmir may take two to three days. Strong packing is essential, since some shipments are still discharged into lighters. At Istanbul, most cargo is handled across the quays, but warehousing facilities are not adequate and only limited covered storage is available. Care should be taken to notify local steamship agents in advance if shipments requiring heavy lift facilities are coming into port.