

**REPUBLIC OF TURKEY**  
**MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE**  
**DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**REGARDING ISTANBUL STRAIT SOUTH ANCHORAGE AREAS**

Please note that with the intention of preventing the ship conflicts and intensity caused by excessive intensity of ships at the anchorage areas at the southern entrance of Istanbul Strait pursuant to and under especially the Cereals Corridor Agreement which is recently created and put into effect under coordination of our country, and where 34% of the ships using the same are owned by Turkish nationals, and out of total cargo of 16 million tons covered therein, 2.3 million tons of cargo are destined for seaports of our country, and also for the sake of protection of navigational safety and life, property, sea and environmental safety at the anchorage areas, as per a new application decided to be put into force with effect from January 5, 2023, in respect of the ships intending to use Istanbul Strait (A), (B), (C) and Kucukcekmece Anchorage Areas:

- (C) Zone anchorage area will be allocated to ships scheduled to lie at anchor for a long time or to land at / depart from coastal facilities, and Kucukcekmece anchorage area will be allocated to ships carrying dangerous cargo; and
- Ships will not be permitted to lie at anchor in (A), (B) and (C) anchorage areas for more than 72 hours, and ships scheduled to lie at anchor for a longer time will be directed to other convenient anchorage areas in Marmara Sea.

Announced to all interests.