

Dear Sirs,

We would like to provide you an update about the latest changes published in the Official Gazette on April 5, 2023 regarding the pollution fines.

As it is known by our circular, pursuant to the amendment published in the Official Gazette on 29.12.2022, the sea pollution fines for 2023 caused by tankers, ships and other naval vessels discharging solid waste or domestic wastewater were determined as below:

- a) For pollution caused by tankers, ships and other naval vessels discharging solid waste or domestic wastewater: i) For vessels less than 1000 GT/ 502.48 TL per GT; ii) For vessels between 1000 GT – 5000 GT / additional to above fine amount 100.50 TL per GT; iii) For vessels more than 5000 GT / additional to above fine amounts 10 TL per GT.*

With the above mentioned amendment, the administrative fine amount of 10.- TL per additional GT imposed on vessels exceeding 5000 GT has been revised to 11.59 TL.

Besides, one of the significant amendments is the introduction of a gross tonnage limitation for calculating administrative fines. Under the new rule, an upper limit has been established for the administrative fines imposed on vessels based on their GT and this limit has been set at 100.000 GT. Consequently; tankers, vessels and other marine vehicles larger than GT 100.000 will be subject to administrative fines based on the same rate as those with a GT of 100.000.

Yours faithfully,

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