Natural Disaster Relief
and
Turkish Customs Administration
Presentation Plan

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I. Current Earthquake Crisis in Türkiye

- An earthquake measuring 7.7 in Pazarcık district at 04:17
- Another earthquake measuring 7.6 in Elbistan at 13:24
- Felt intensely in the surrounding provinces
- South-east of Türkiye
- Over 13 million people
- About 13.000 aftershocks
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- Türkiye Disaster Response Plan (TAMP) by Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD)
- Alarming whole teams and dispatch to the region
- International aid was called
- About 11,000 teams from various countries
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- 250,000 search and rescue workers
- Over 18,000 vehicles
- About 14,000 sorties with 116 helicopters and 78 aircraft
- A total of 40 ships
I. Current Earthquake Crisis in Türkiye

- Over 50,000 people have lost their lives
- About 100,000 people were injured
- 534,000 independent units in 173,000 buildings are in need of urgent demolition, are heavily damaged or collapsed.
- About 2 million people have been evacuated
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Disaster Response and Recovery Phase

- About 400,000 tents and 6,000 containers have been installed.
- Container city installations continue in 10 provinces at about 200 points.
- 2 million people are provided with accommodation.
- 3 million blankets, 400 mobile kitchens, 90 catering vehicles, 40 mobile ovens and 400 service vehicles
- About 1 million people have received psychosocial support.
- Debris removal works continue.
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Disaster Response and Recovery Phase

- Evaluation process with stakeholders
- Starting business life for small business owners
- Reviving quake-hit cities
- Bazaars have been put into service
- Over 5,000 temporary workplaces
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Disaster Response and Recovery Phase

Small and Medium Sized Enterprises Development Organization (KOSGEB)

- Works on financial assistance for MSMEs are in progress
- Postponing of payments
- Simplification of procedures for project application from the region
- Working with the Japan International Cooperation Agency and the World Bank
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#### Disaster Response and Recovery Phase

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Role of Turkish Customs Administration

- International Support and Cooperation Working Group for Disasters
  - Customs procedures of foreign personnel, equipment and vehicles,
  - Coordinating with international organizations
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Role of Turkish Customs Administration

AFAD Crisis Center

- Cooperation and coordination
- Information flow and update
- Works for 24/7
- Various officials
- Including customs representatives
Turkish Customs Code Art. 167.12 (b);

«...all goods sent in relation to crises caused by chemical, technological or social incidents; natural disasters, pandemics and epidemics, large wildfires, radiation and air pollution are exempt from customs duties in customs clearance procedures...»
## I. Current Earthquake Crisis in Türkiye

### Simplified Procedures on Relief Goods - II

Exemption from customs duties and commercial policy measures if relief goods are sent to

- Government institutions
- Public interest organizations
- Tax exempt organizations

### Submitting

- Shipping document, if any
- A list of goods (issued in accordance with the table)

### VEHICLE INFORMATION

| For Trucks, Country of Registration and Licence Plate; |
| For Vessels, Vessel Name and Agent Name; |
| For Airplanes, Flight Number |

### GOODS INFORMATION

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