

## Ministry of Commerce Has Published An Announcement For Customs Transactions

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On 26 Mart 2020 Turkey's Ministry of Commerce ("**Ministry**") has also published an announcement regarding customs. However, in this announcement, the Ministry has not addressed the deadlines of the IPR owners in case suspicious goods are seized at the customs due to possible infringement. Normally, under the Customs Law numbered 4458, in case the decision to seize the custom process is rendered, the complainant has to file either a civil lawsuit against the owner of the seized goods at a competent court and obtain a preliminary injunction order or file a criminal complaint and obtain a decision from the Court of Peace for seizure of those goods and submit it to the customs within 10 business days after receiving the decision. It is still unclear whether or not these deadlines will be suspended.

Please see the full content of the announcement published by Ministry from this [link](#) (only available in Turkish).