

Chamber Newsletter

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INTERVIEW WITH USLU LAW OFFICE

Uslu Law Office (Uslu Hukuk Bürosu), a Sustaining Member of the TBCCI, gave an interview to the TBCCI. Mr. Ersin Uslu, the founder of the firm, discussed their practice, British investment in Turkey, Ankara Agreement, challenges faced by twenty-first century law firms, recent technologies in law systems and the role of Chambers of Commerce. Uslu Law Office's area of practice includes Real Estate and Construction, Admiralty and Maritime and other general branches of local and international Law. To view the interview with Ersin Uslu, click on the links below the photo.



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Uslu Law Office

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THE NEW TURKISH LEGISLATION ABOUT PROPERTY SALES IN TURKEY TO FOREIGN NATIONALS

The legislation approving property sales in Turkey to foreign nationals has come into effect on July 15, 2008. Real foreign persons and legal entities (Companies established by foreign nationals or those with foreign shareholdings) will be able to acquire real estate property in Turkey. For more information about buying property in Turkey, [click here](#).

FREE TRIAL OF THE NEW TBCCI ON-LINE HEALTH & SAFETY TRAINING

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new TBCCI On-line Health & Safety Training, and invite TBCCI members to a free trial giving us the opportunity to familiarise our Members with our On-line Training product. The offer is restricted to TBCCI members and expires at the end of October 2008. If you would like to register for a free trial, please email us at healthandsafety@tbcci.org and we will get in touch with you to provide you a password and web address to set up the free trial. See

http://tbcci.org/health_safety_training.php for more information about TBCCI On-line Health & Safety Training.

MEMBERS PRIVILEGE CARD SERVICES

We are pleased to announce new special offers by TBCCI members providing their services and products below at specially discounted rates to Chamber members.

Acibadem Health Group Healthcare

Clarity In Marketing Consumer and Marketing Benchmark services

Natwest Bank Personal and Business Card services

Medical Park Healthcare

TBCCI members will receive a separate and detailed announcement describing the services, discounts and application for these special offers. For a full list of TBCCI members offering their services and products at special discounted rates to fellow Chamber members, click [TBCCI Privilege Card Offers](#)

PRESENTATIONS GIVEN AT PAST TBCCI EVENTS

Presentations of TBCCI organised or partnered seminars and conferences are available on our website.

20 June 2008: The UK-Turkey Business Day, Istanbul

24 June 2008: The 2nd Food Initiative' London

26 June 2008: London 2012 & Beyond: Opportunities for Turkish Businesses, London

[Click here](#) to view the presentations given at these and other past Events.

TBCCI FORTHCOMING EVENTS

14 Oct 2008: Assisting Turkish Businesses in London (with Business Link London)

29 Oct 2008: Trading with Turkey (with Essex Chamber of Commerce, UKTI)

Please follow the announcements on our website for information about the venues, speakers, presentations and registration. From September, there will be other TBCCI organised or partnered seminars about New Turkish Property Law, Impact of Technological Advances, Medicare and Health Tourism in Turkey, Transport Logistics Exports Ports Customs, Turkish SMEs, Turkish Property (new Turkish Property Law, Banking, Mortgage), Business-Project Finance and Turkish Business day (Manchester). More information about these events will be posted on the website and announced in next broadcasts.

TRADE & PARTNERSHIPS OPPORTUNITIES, COMPANY MATCHING

All trade and partnership offers & enquiries communicated from members & non-members to the Chamber are placed on the same day on the Members Zone of the TBCCI website, www.tbcci.org, and emailed to members every month. If members need reminders for username or password to login to the Members Zone, please let us know by email.

UK-TURKEY TRADE DATA FOR 2007

In May 2008, exports-imports between the two countries grew by 8.1%.

In the five months cumulative January-May period, the increase was 15.6%.

MAY 2008/07		
(\$ million)		May 2008 May 2007
		Change
Import	792.7	12.2%
	706.5	
Export	525.6	2.4%
	513.3	
Total	1 318.3	8.1%

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JANUARY - MAY 2008/07

(\$ million)	Jan-May 2008	Change
	Jan-May 2007	
Import		
3,636.5	16.3%	
3,127.1		
Export		
2,573.2	14.7%	
2,242.8		
Total		
6,209.6	15.6%	
5,369.9		

Import: UK imports from Turkey

Export: Exports from the UK to Turkey

Source: Turkish Statistical Institute TUIK

UK-Turkey Export Import figures by product categories and products, can be viewed from [Trade Statistics](#).

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

All members advised to inform us any new services or products they have began to offer, any partnerships they entered, or new branches, which will be posted in our monthly newsletters.

Pegasus Airlines, a TBCCI member, announced the launch of new flights on its London (Stansted) – Istanbul (Sabiha Gökçen) route. Pegasus Airlines will add two weekly

additional flight on Mondays (from 1 September 2008) and Fridays ((from 1 October 2008). For details, see www.flypgs.com/en. Pegasus Airlines are sponsoring the 2008 Professional Windsurfers Association (PWA) World Cup, in Alaçati, Izmir, Turkey between 10-16th August 2008.

TBCCI NEW MEMBERS

Silverstone Publishing Advertising	UK (Sustaining Member)
NanoBoron Automotive	UK
Pinsent Masons LLP Solicitors-Legal	UK
Direct Technology Solutions Electrical Office Equipment	UK
Omurteks Textile	Turkey

Click on a Member Link to view contacts and business profile.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

[21.08.2008 - Istanbul- Exponut](#)

[22.08.2008 - Istanbul - Housewares And Gift Fair](#)

[28.08.2008 - Istanbul - Istanbul Fashion Fair](#)

[04.09.2008 - Istanbul - Premiums & Promotional Items](#)

[08.10.2008 - London - World Fruit & Vegetable Show](#)

[14.10.2008 - London - Assisting Turkish Businesses \(TBCCI\)](#)

[29.10.2008 - Essex - Trading With Turkey \(TBCCI\)](#)

Click on an Event Link to view the full details, or contact the TBCCI office

Website & Newsletter Advertisements

TBCCI members and non-members can advertise their companies on our website and the monthly e-newsletter with their Logo as a link to their website. If you wish to place an Advert Logo on the TBCCI website and the newsletter, see at www.tbcci.org/advertising.php or contact us at info@tbcci.org.

Kind regards
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