



## Turkish American Chamber of Commerce & Industry E-Newsletter

Dear TACCI Members and Supporters,

We are excited to greet you with a new issue of our TACCI Newsletter. First of all I am very grateful for being reelected as President of TACCI. I am, along with the our board of directors, very proud of the Chamber's tremendous accomplishments and the important role we play in supporting and helping both business delegates visiting from Turkey, as well as American companies, to explore the opportunities in Turkey. TACCI's membership includes representatives from all segments of the business community and organizations which ranges from individual entrepreneurs to large corporations. It is this diversity that makes TACCI the preeminent Turkish-American business association dedicated to advancing the commerce and industry relations between Turkey and United States.

We are among the most respected organizations in the Turkish community in the US since 2002. Our strength is solidified by our partnerships with other pioneering institutions like Manhattan Chamber of Commerce and Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB). We generously offer our guidance to corporations and individuals in all commerce and industry related issues.

I should emphasize the importance of your attendance to our events and activities. Through your support we find the motivation to work harder in order to make this organization better everyday. Make sure to join our mailing list in order to receive the latest updates on our upcoming networking events and seminars. Our organization's success depends upon both our collective and your individual innovational suggestions. Please submit any inquiry or comment you may have. As your president I would be honoured if you get in touch with me personally or you can always call our office.

On behalf of my board of directors I encourage you to become a member and keep your support. It is, without doubt, with your efforts that we can succeed. We appreciate your membership and support to our non-profit organization and the bilateral trade between Turkey and the U.S. Do not forget to regularly check out our events calendar and our social media channels. Thank you for your continuous support and hoping to see you at our upcoming events!

ALİ KOÇAK, Ph.D.  
President

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### Upcoming Events

#### Doing Business in Turkey Seminar & Networking Event on May 25th

Join us for an exciting seminar and networking event on May 25th where you will learn about Turkey's economic outlook, investment climate, opportunities, as well as network with government officials, businessmen,

consultants, and company owners from various industries.



#### Speakers

Mr. Barbaros Karaahmet - Partner; Co-Chair, Turkish Practice Group

Herrick, Feinstein LLP

Mr. Mustafa Ilbeyli - Senior Advisor

The Republic of Turkey Prime Ministry Investment Support and Promotion Agency (ISPAT)

Mr. Ozgur Celikel - Commercial Attaché

Turkish Consulate General in New York Office of the Attaché for Economic Affairs

Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017

Time: 4PM-6PM

Location: Herrick, Feinstein LLP, 2 Park Avenue 21st Floor, New York, NY 10016

**Tickets are limited for this event. We encourage you to book your place as soon as possible!**

[Register Here](#)

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## Recent Events

### TACCI met with Kayseri Chamber of Commerce

Turkish American Chamber of Commerce and Industry hosted delegates from Kayseri Chamber of Commerce in New York at UHY Advisors offices with the courtesy of Mehmet Sengulen. Business opportunities in the US and TACCI's role in promoting Turkish businesses were discussed at the meeting.

### TACCI Annual Spring Networking Event

Turkish American Chamber of Commerce and Industry held a successful Spring Networking Event on April 20th. The event took place at Ali Baba restaurant in Manhattan and TACCI hosted over 50 people including some of our board members, members and guests. It was a great opportunity to socialize and network with business professionals from NY and neighboring states including New Jersey, and Connecticut. Business professionals from different fields met and exchanged ideas while enjoying the complimentary appetizers from Turkish cuisine.



**Special Thanks to our Sponsors for this Successful Evening**



## Business World got together at the joint event of TACCI & Fort Lee Regional Chamber of Commerce

Turkish American Chamber of Commerce and Industry in collaboration with Fort Lee Regional Chamber of Commerce held a Business Networking event on 2 March 2017 with the participation of almost 100 people. The event took place at Turkuaz restaurant in Fort Lee, New Jersey. The successful event organized by TACCI brought together business people from two chambers and lead to new relations for productive partnerships.



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## TACCI was a proud promotional partner of the Manhattan Chamber Spring Open House Event

TACCI was one of the promotional partners of the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce Networking event on May 10th. Guests enjoyed the panoramic views of the city on the rooftop of The Attic while exchanging business ideas.



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## News from the Industry

### Food Importers are Required to Develop an FSMV Program by May 30th, 2017

One of the regulations under FSMA, Section 301- Foreign Supplier Verification Program (FSVP), represents a dramatic change in the way food importers in the United States will continue to import foods from foreign suppliers. The rule will require food importers to establish, apply, and maintain an FSVP. This section of FSMA places the responsibility for safety of the food products squarely on the shoulders of the importers who are introducing food products into the U.S. Furthermore, they will be held accountable for any food safety issues related to the imported food products and their suppliers. The basic reasons for such a far-reaching change include the increasing imports of food products from foreign countries, limited official capacity to inspect foreign suppliers' sites and imported food at ports of entry, complexity of the food supply chain and adulteration risks, and alarming cases of food adulteration in foreign countries supplying food products to U.S. markets. Food importers will have to demonstrate that they are importing such products from approved foreign suppliers. In order to meet this requirement, importers will have to develop, apply, and maintain a risk assessment of the imported food product and foreign supplier, verification activities, investigations and corrective actions, periodic assessment of FSVP, importer identification, and recordkeeping for each imported product and foreign supplier.



For more information, click [here](#)

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## Upcoming Trade Fairs

## May Fairs

- 15-19 May Interop IT Conference and Trade Fair Las Vegas, NV
- 16-18 May InformEx Fine, Specialty, Custom Chemicals Philadelphia, PA
- 16-18 May Eastec Metalworking and Processing West Springfield, MA
- 17-18 May Automated Trading and Exchange Technologies Chicago, IL
- 20-23 May American Food Fair Chicago, IL
- 22-25 May Windpower Anaheim, CA
- 23-25 May Sweets & Snacks Expo Chicago, IL

## June Fairs

- 31 May-02 June BookExpo America New York, NY
- 3-4 June The Franchise Expo Miami, FL
- 5-7 June Transit Fashion Footwear Exhibition Los Angeles, CA
- 5-8 June Vicenzaoro International Jewelry Fair Las Vegas, NV
- 5-8 June Textile Care Congress Las Vegas, NV
- 5-8 June LA Kids Market Children's Fashion Los Angeles, CA
- 5-8 June LA Fashion, Gifts and Home Furnishing Los Angeles, CA
- 12-14 June NeoCon Design Exhibition and Conference Chicago, IL
- 13-15 June Longwall Mining Fair Pittsburgh, PA
- 13-15 June Quality Assurance Expo East New York, NY
- 13-15 June Medical Design and Manufacturing New York, NY
- 13-15 June Design & Manufacturing Atlantic New York, NY
- 13-15 June EastPack Packaging Technology New York, NY
- 13-15 June PLASTECH East Plastics Trade Fair New York, NY
- 13-15 June ATX East Automation Technology Fair New York, NY
- 14-15 June AmeriMold Rosemont, IL
- 14-16 June IBTM America Events and Incentive Travel Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 14-17 June Fire Protection Industry and Emergency Services Veron, NY
- 14-18 June Houston Boat Show Houston, TX
- 20-22 June Techtexil North America Chicago, IL
- 23-25 June Abilities Fair for People with Disabilities Chicago, IL
- 25-27 June Summer Fancy Food Show New York, NY
- 27-29 June Sensors San Jose, CA

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**We want to thank our members for giving us the opportunity to serve your businesses for the past years. We have appreciated working with you and have watched our old members thriving businesses.**

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