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News for shipments to Iraq

Dear clients,

Please see below the latest news related to logistic services to Iraq.

I.) Umm Qassr Port Procedure

Please kindly note that the following new customs rule will start from the 01st of January 2011:

- For all private shipments - without any duty exemption letter - which are arriving at Umm Qassr Port the following instructions need to be followed:

Documents: Packing List
Proforma Invoice
Certificate of Origin

All documents must be legalized through an Iraqi Embassy.

Additionally all private shipments require an Import License Number prior their arrival at any Iraqi Port.

This new instruction is valid for all shipments especially for the private sector. In case the consignment is destined to the Government with a valid duty exemption letter, we still have no clear instructions if these consignments are excluded from this rule.

II.) Transit Cargo via Turkey

We have received the following verbal notice (not announced in written upto now) from the relevant Turkish Ministry, that all oilfield / oilwell related consignments incl. pipe shipments destined to Northern Iraq, need the permission from the Turkish Customs Authorities. During the customs clearance process the customs will inform to Ankara with full consignment details to get the relevant transit permission. This procedure will take approx. 7 upto 10 days.

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III.) Border situation

a.) Al Karameh / Trebil (Jordan/Iraqi border)

The flow of cargo via Jordan into Iraq is still limited as well as the number of Iraqi trucks entering Jordan on a daily basis (average 40-50 per day max). Still no Iraqi reefer trucks are allowed to enter Jordan. Therefore, all reefer cargo has to be transhipped from Jordan to Iraqi reefer trucks at the border.

Current waiting time at the border approx 3-5 days.

b.) Syrian/Iraqi borders

The traffic via the Syrian gateway into Iraq is slightly increasing. As a border point, so far, only the border point of "Al Waleed" remains open (except the railway border).

c.) Habour / Zakho (Turkish / Iraqi border)

The trade volume between Turkey and Iraq as well as the transit cargo volume decreased a bit. The current waiting time for trucks from Turkey to Iraq is up to 2 days and from Iraqi back to Turkey it is up to 7 days.

d.) Umm Qassr Port

The productivity of Umm Qassr port is still affected by fuel and power shortages. Currently we are facing difficulties with a high congestion for container vessels as well as a congestion inside the terminal to take cargo out of the port.

e.) Safwan/ Abdali Commercial Border Point (Kuwait / Iraqi border)

The situation is normal again. Approx 120-250 trucks with commercial cargo are crossing this border point daily. All cargo has to be transhipped from Kuwaiti to Iraqi trucks. Currently there are discussions between the governments to set up dedicated border crossing points for the international oil companies to ensure a smooth operation for the import of oil equipment. However, so far there is no improvement on the border process.

IV.) Iraqi national holidays 2011 / Iraqi exhibition dates 2011

Please find the relevant link below:

<http://www.wp-irak.de/index.php/component/content/article/12-dossiers/491-2011-ihre-termine-fuer-das-kommende-jahr>

In case of any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

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