



I. New Customs Regulations in place

In our last Newsletter dated February 2011 we informed you that the Iraqi Government implemented a number of changes in the customs regulations.

However, some of those new regulations have been stopped at the last minute by the Iraqi government. Below a short summary of what is in place right now and what is not in place yet.

- **Legalization of Commercial Documents**
Almost every entrance point is now asking for documents legalized by the Iraqi Consulate in the Country of Origin, except at the Kurdistan Border points of Ibrahim Khalil and Erbil / Suleimaniyah airports.
- **Import Licence**
Imports for account of the Iraqi private sector require an Import License issued by the Ministry of Trade. For governmental Imports, such an import license is not yet required.
- **New Customs Tariff (Law No.22)**
The new Customs Tariff is not yet in place. The Government stopped the implementation of the new Tariff at the last moment.



II. Transit Cargo via Turkey

We have been informed that the Turkish Authorities have implemented additional checks of documents as well as cargo. Therefore, the waiting time for trucks have again increased. Today, the waiting time for trucks crossing from Turkey to Iraq is almost 7-9 days.

The Turkish Authorities still require additional permits for oilfield equipment. Please contact us for further details.



III. Border situation

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



The border facilities at the Jordan and Iraqi side have improved a lot during the last month. However, the majority of the goods is being transhipped from Jordan to Iraqi Trucks at the border line.

As an average, approx 200 trucks crossing the border every day. Almost 70% of those trucks are transhipped from Jordan to Iraqi Trucks at the border Line.

b.) Syrian/Iraqi borders

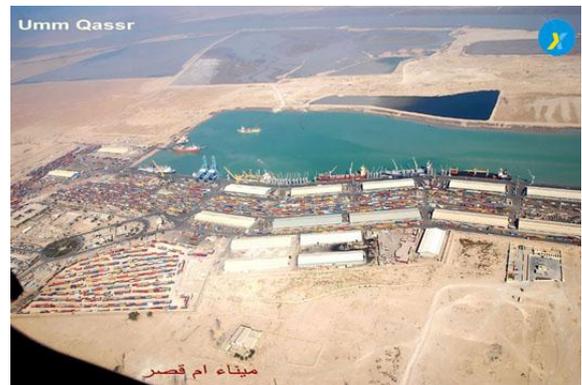
Previously, we almost did not use the Syrian border. Due to the current situation in Syria we stopped the traffic via Syria completely.

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

As already mentioned, the traffic between Turkey and Iraq and in particular Northern Iraq (Kurdistan) has increased a lot. On both sides of the border, the border facilities have been improved. As mentioned already under column II, the waiting time has now increased to almost 7-9 days.

d.) Umm Qassr Port

The flow of commercial cargo for the private sector has significantly decreased due to the new regulations (Import license is required) and as a result of that, the congestion at Umm Qassr port has decreased as well.



So far, the waiting time for Container Vessels at Umm Qassr Port is +/- 5-7 days and for Break Bulk Vessels it is +/- 3-5 days subject to the cargo loaded.

However, the productivity of the port has not really increased and is still effected by fuel and power shortages.

The Port Authorities intend to extend the facilities by building new jetties. If you are interested in further details, please feel free to contact us.

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

The situation at the Kuwaiti / Iraqi border has not really changed during the last weeks. We still

NEWSLETTER for Shipments to Iraq

April, 11th 2011

**M.G.
International
Transports GmbH®**



monitor a steady and regular flow of goods, mainly for the private sector.



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,

M.G. International Transports GmbH

