

NEWSLETTER for Shipments to Iraq

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I. Baghdad International Fair 2011

Please be informed that the Baghdad International Fair will take place from November 1st up to November 10th 2011. The German Pavilion is placed at Hall No. 18, Stand Nos 1 up to 28.

We are exhibiting in Baghdad as well and you are welcome to visit us also at **Stand No. 15**.

II. EID Holidays

Please be informed that starting from November 6th until November 12th there will be EID Holidays in Iraq. The first working day after the EID Holidays will be Sunday November 13th.

Due to this fact we recommend that all cargo presently located at Umm Qasr Port should be customs cleared until November 1st in order to be loaded onto truck latest by November 2nd in order to guarantee a delivery before the holidays start, otherwise cargo might be stucked until EID Holidays are finished. Umm Qasr Port will work with half of normal shifts.

Cargo which is on hold in Aqaba should not be moved from the Port until Holidays are over.

III. Border situation

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

Border is working well but subject to absolut correctness and availability of all original (legalized) documents such as Certificate of Origin and Commercial Invoice.

b.) **Syrian/Iraqi borders**

Due to the political situation we are not using the Syrian gateway right now.

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

The traffic between Turkey and Iraq has again increased. Due to this, there is currently a waiting time of approx 10-12 days (in and out). Therefore, the trucking rates are again increasing. Turkish and Iraqi Governments have agreed to implement two additional borderpoints. Further details will be provided once available.

d.) **Umm Qasr Port**

The port is currently congested due to a large backlog of cargo. Waiting time for container Vessels is up to one week, for break bulk Vessels subject to draft and cargo between 3-5 days.

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

Due to the recent political disputes the border clearing is taking longer as usual. Please call us for specific information on this routing.

Yours faithfully,

M.G. International Transports GmbH

