



Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Dear Friends and colleagues,

we are pleased to provide you with our updated Newsletter for shipments to Iraq. In case of any specific request, please feel free to contact us.

## I. 3<sup>rd</sup> Basrah Oil & Gas International Conference and Exhibition

Also this year M.G. International Transports is participating at the:

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Basra Oil & Gas International Conference and Exhibition 2012

We are pleased to invite you to visit our stand and speak to our international and local staff. The Exhibition venue is the Basra International Fair Ground. You will find us at booth **C75 of Hall 1** directly opposite the Swedish Trade Council.

#### Date & Time:

The exhibition will run from 6 to 9 December 2012 with opening time of 10.00 to 18.00 daily and 10.00 to 16.00 on the last day.

For [more information](http://www.mgit.de) please check our webpage: [www.mgit.de](http://www.mgit.de)

## II. Holidays in Iraq

The peak of Ashoora Holidays is expected to start around 14/15<sup>th</sup> of December and is expected to take until first week of January. During this time we are expecting limited working performance of official institutions.

## III. Duty / Tax Exemption Procedure

Meanwhile the Duty/Tax Exemption Procedure is fully back in place and working for the whole country Iraq.

## IV. Legalization of Documents

We like again to remind on the documentary requirements for shipments to Iraq. Please consider that, if the documents are not in order, cargo can't be customs cleared and gets stacked at the entrance points.

For detailed information please contact us directly and ask for our "**General Information about Legalization Regulations**".

## V. Border situation

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

Border is working well but subject to absolute correctness and availability of all original (legalized) documents such as:

- Certificate of Origin and Commercial Invoice
- Packing List
- Duty/Tax Exemption Letter

Presently about 1,500 to 2,000 trucks are passing this border per day.

### b.) Syrian/Iraqi borders

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

### c.) Habur/Zakho (Turkish/Iraqi border)

So far the current waiting time, without considering the trucks having insufficient papers, is approx 2-3 days for entering Iraq and approx 5-6 days for departure from Iraq. Presently there are about 1,000 to 1,200 trucks crossing the border of Zakho/Ibrahim Khalil Customs. Even though Zakho is close to Syrian border there are not any obstacles or difficulties due to this crisis.

### d.) Umm Qasr Port

At the moment, there is no major congestion for berthing and discharging of Vessels at Umm Qasr and Khor Al Zubair port. The main delays occur due to the complicated customs clearing process, in particular for Oil and Gas Equipment.

### e.) Safwan/Abdali

Commercial Border Point (Kuwait/ Iraqi border)

Due to the recent political disputes the border clearing is taking longer than usual. Furthermore the Iraqi authorities only issue a strongly limited number of Visa for Drivers therefore the number of Kuwaiti trucks is strongly limited. This situation is unchanged since our last updates given.

Yours faithfully,

**M.G. International Transports GmbH**