



# NEWSLETTER for Shipments to Iraq

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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. VoC Inspection

Please note that the Iraqi government has appointed additional companies to do the VoC (Verification of Conformity) inspection. For more details, please check on the following links:

<http://www.sec-cert.com/en/products.php?tid=129>

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/cotecna-fully-operational-to-inspect-goods-exported-to-iraq-189773711.html>

[http://www.tuv.com/en/corporate/about\\_us\\_1/press/news\\_2/newscontent\\_cw\\_122051.html](http://www.tuv.com/en/corporate/about_us_1/press/news_2/newscontent_cw_122051.html)

In total there are now four companies appointed to carry out the VoC inspections for central and south Iraq such as:

- Bureau Veritas
- Cotecna
- SEC of China
- TÜV of Germany

Especially in the South most of the Governmental Organizations are not yet aware that beside Bureau Veritas also other inspection companies have been approved. Therefore it might take some more weeks until all Iraqi authorities are fully aware of the newly appointed companies.

## II. Holidays in Iraq

Please keep in mind that in Iraqi Kurdistan the Spring Holidays will be from 19<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2013.

## III. New Regulations for Vehicles / Construction Machines

Please note that the importation for all self driven vehicles and equipments, incl. cranes, forklifts, bulldozer is only allowed from year of built 2010 and up. This is also applicable for temporary importation.

## IV. Translation of Invoice and Packing List / Legalization

Since early February the Iraqi authorities insist that the Invoice and partly also the packing list must be translated into Arabic language.

It has already been implemented by the Ministry of Oil and we assume that other Ministries will follow soon.

Shipments to the Iraqi Kurdistan Oil sector require translations into Kurdish-Sorani language.

Please consider also, that for all imports (incl. temporary imports) a valid import license is required.

Once again we would like to remind of 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. Legalization fees at Iraqi Embassies / Consulates

The charges for the legalization of Commercial documents has changed in some countries. As an example please see below the charges applicable by the Iraqi consulate in Dubai:

Invoices Ranges	Fees
1 to 10,000 AED	150AED
10,001 to 30,000 AED	300AED
30,001 to 60,000 AED	600AED
60,001 to 90,000 AED	800AED
90,001 to 150,000 AED	1000AED
150,001 to 250,000 AED	1300AED
250,001 to 500,000 AED	1500AED
500,001 to 1,000,000 AED	2000AED
100,000,001 to 2,000,000 AED	3000AED
2,000,001 and up	0.2% of the invoice value in Dirhams





## VI. Border situation

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

Approx 1,500 to 2,000 trucks are crossing the Border every day. Most of the cargo will be transshipments from Jordanian to Iraqi trucks. The number of Iraqi trucks loading in Jordan is still limited. Following documents are required:

- Certificate of Origin and Commercial Invoice duly legalized
- Packing List
- Duty/Tax Exemption Letter
- Import License

### 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)

Approx 1,000 to 1,200 trucks are crossing the border every day. Current waiting time is approx 2-3 days.

VOC inspection is running well.

Currently the border traffic is not affected by the Syrian crises.

### 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.

For Container-Shipments the GCPI (General Company For Ports Of Iraq) has instructed to give preference in using Berth No. 11 B ( Iraqi Container Terminal ICT ) instead of Berth No. 4 and 5 as well as Berth No. 8.

### 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**