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## Newsletter for shipments to Iraq

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Dear Clients, Partners and Friends,

Below you will find the 4th Newsletter for this year informing you briefly about **the /current security situation / roads blocked / new weight limit / route via Jordan / route via Turkey in Iraq:**

### I.) Elections in Iraq:

On 30<sup>th</sup> of April Parliament Elections will take place all over Iraq. We expect that due to the Elections, the security authorities will increase the security measures around the date of the elections.

To avoid that cargo get stuck en route, we will stop the movement of goods from 25<sup>th</sup> April till 3<sup>rd</sup> May, for certain routes and destinations. We are already facing restrictions and are obliged to stop the service already earlier. Please contact us for dedicated information.

### II.) Current Security Situation in Iraq:

Due to the upcoming elections, the security situation in Iraq is fragile and varies a lot in the different governorates.

Please contact us for dedicated information for the different areas. Please consider that for example areas in the Anbar region, Mosul / Baiji region, north west of Basrah region are difficult to pass and delays and bypasses are required.

### III.) New weight limit in south Iraq:

Since 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2014, the Iraqi Ministry of Transport has implemented a weight limit of 26 tons per Standard 12 meter truck. Trucks are being checked prior to the departure of the ports as well as en route.

### IV.) Iraqi Manifest

Since 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2014, the Iraqi Ministry of Transport has implemented the "Manifest of Automated Entry to Sea Ports". It's similar document like the Iraqi Manifest

for Land Borders. The official fee is IQD 25,000/Truck and each truck has to buy such a document in order to enter and leave the ports. So far this was not required for movements out of the ports.

### V.) Route via Jordan:

So far, the Situation has not changed. Still the number of Iraqi trucks is very limited; therefore almost 95% of the goods are transshipped at the border from Jordanian to Iraqi Trucks.

The truck waiting time at Trebil border is approx 1-2 days subject that all documents are in order.

A number of main roads in the Anbar region is still blocked and trucks have to use deviation roads to reach e.g. Baghdad. Especially around Rutha, Ramadi and Fallujah we are facing serious delays.

### VI.) Route via Turkey:

Current waiting times on the route ex Turkey to Iraq are approx. 2-3 days – and ex Iraq to Turkey approx. 6-7 days.

Thank you for your attention.  
Yours faithfully,

**M.G. International Transports GmbH**