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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.) Current situation Erbil Airport for import cargo:**

Due to the temporary failure of one X-Ray Machine, the current security check for all inbound cargo will take minimum 48/72 hours. Please consider this additional delay for your delivery schedules. Furthermore we would like to draw your attention to the continuous reconstructions of the cargo warehouse facilities and the internal processes at Erbil International Airport which may cause additional unforeseeable delays.

### **II.) Ramadan:**

Please be informed that Holy Month of Ramadan will start from 28<sup>th</sup> June 2014 and ends within 28<sup>th</sup> July 2014. Please consider that due to local regulations there might be 2 up to 3 days differences from a.m. dates.

### **III.) Upcoming Holidays:**

- Republic Day:  
14<sup>th</sup> July 2014
- Al-Fitr Eid (end of Ramadan):  
28<sup>th</sup> July 2014 – 30<sup>th</sup> July 2014
- Al-Adha Eid (Sacrifice Feast):  
4<sup>th</sup> October 2014 – 7<sup>th</sup> October 2014

### **IV.) Local road blockages due to Shabaniyah Festival**

Due to Shabaniyah Festival on 13<sup>th</sup> June the roads around Baghdad and Kerbala region are expected to be blocked approx.. between 10<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> June.

### **V.) Current Security Situation in Iraq:**

Although the elections are over for more than 1 month, the security situation in Iraq is still 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.

### **VI.) 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.

### **VII.) Iraqi Manifest**

Since 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2014, the Iraqi Ministry of Transport has again implemented the "Manifest of Automated Entry to Sea Ports". It is a 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.

### **VIII.) 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 due to local road blockages.

### **IX.) 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**