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## Newsletter for shipments to Iraq

June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014

Dear Clients, Partners and Friends,

Below you will find the 9th Newsletter (**Newsflash**) for this year informing you briefly about the current **security situation in Iraq**:

### I.) Border situation

Turkish / Iraqi border (Ibrahim Khalil border)

The border is operating normally without any major delays. We have noticed some additional security measures and more detailed truck and cargo inspection but so far deliveries to the KRG region are running well almost without delays.

However, there is a backlog of cargo destined to central Iraq which needs to be stored at Zakho currently due to the closing of the transit routes.

Erbil and Sulamaniyyah airport

There are regular flights for cargo and passengers to both airports. Handling at both airports is running smoothly. Currently there is a backlog of cargo destined to Central Iraq at Erbil airport.

Jordan / Iraqi border (Trebil)

Unfortunately, there are no clear information available for this border point. We were informed that trucks are being stopped by armed forces for inspection. It has also been reported that cargo has been confiscated and re-routed. We recommend not to ship any goods via Trebil at this moment. There is already a backlog of Iraq cargo at Aqaba port. We expect that this backlog will increase in the next couple of days/weeks.

Syrian / Iraqi border (Al Waleed)

We are not offering any services via this border point for the time being due to the current crisis in Syria and in the northwestern areas of Iraq.

Baghdad International Airport (BIAP)

There are still regular flights to BIAP for passengers and cargo. Deliveries are still possible within Baghdad city limits and to all destinations south of Baghdad. Deliveries to destinations north of Baghdad e.g. Kirkuk are currently not possible. If you wish to use this route, please stay in close contact with us.

Umm Qassar / Khor Al Zubair ports

Both ports are working normally. Customs and all governmental receivers are proceeding with clearing and collecting / receiving the shipments.

We still deliver goods on daily basis to various destinations and oilfields in the southern area of Iraq.

Basrah Airport

There are still regular flights for cargo and passengers to Basrah airport. Deliveries to all destinations around Basrah up to Baghdad are possible.

### II.) Security Situation

Due to the current crisis, the security situation in the various regions changes almost daily. Therefore, the below details are subject to change and without guarantee.

KRG region

Within the KRG region there are no security issues, all operations are running well so far. We have noted more intensive checks, particularly if trucks are going to the central governmental area or wish to enter the KRG region.

The situation outside of KRG is as follows:

Province Kirkuk:

Deliveries possible but not recommended due to volatile situation. Transit towards south is presently not possible.

Province Nineveh:

Presently no shipments can be delivered or routed transit via this area.

Province Salahaddin:

Presently no shipments can be delivered or routed transit via this area.



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Province Diyala:

Presently no shipments can be delivered or routed transit via this area.

Province Anbar:

Presently no shipments can be delivered or routed transit via this area.

Province Baghdad:

Shipments via Baghdad Airport or Umm Qassr Seaport can be delivered to this area in case no major issues happen within the next days.

Provinces Babil – Karbala – Wasit – Qadisiya – Maysan – Najaf – Thi Qar – Muthanna – Basrah:

Under control of Iraqi army. No attacks by ISIS registered yet. Shipments via Baghdad- / Basrah Airport or Basrah- / Umm Qassr Seaport can be delivered.

General summary about Road situation:

All routes from Trebil border towards rest of Iraq blocked.

All routes from KRG region towards rest of Iraq blocked.

Routes from Umm Qassr / Basrah towards south Iraqi and Baghdad area currently seem to be safe and passable.

We are observing the security situation daily and will keep you updated.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

**M.G. International Transports GmbH**

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