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September 19th, 2014 NEWSLETTER

Dear Clients, Partners and Friends,

We are pleased to update you in the current situation as follows:

Upcoming Holidays of Iraq:

Friday	03.October.2014	Republic Day of Iraq
Saturday	04.October.2014	Eid al Adha (Feast of Sacrifice)
Sunday	05.October.2014	Eid al Adha Holiday
Monday	06.October.2014	Eid al Adha Holiday
Tuesday	07.October.2014	Eid al Adha Holiday
Saturday	25.October.2014	Islamic New Year

The current security situation in Iraq still unstable and dangerous in some cities. The recent developments can be described as follows:

I.) Cargo Flights to Iraq

Airline	To Erbil Airport	To Baghdad Airport	To Basrah Airport
Emirates Sky Cargo	abandoned	Max. 157 cms height	Max. 157 cms height
Lufthansa / Austrian Airlines	A319 max 150 kg/pce	no service	no service
Etihad Crystal Cargo	abandoned	max 50 kg/pce	max 150 kg/pce
Royal Jordanian	abandoned	unrestricted operation	abandoned
Coyne Airways (RUS Aviaton)	abandoned	On request only	on request only
Qatar Airways	3 freighter + 4 pax weekly	4 pax weekly	4 pax weekly – PAX = max 150 kg/pce
Turkish Airlines	3 freighter per week	abandoned	abandoned



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II.) 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.
- Jordan / Iraqi border (Trebil)
We do not recommend these border points at the moment. The Road from Trebil towards Baghdad is controlled by IS. Cargo for the private sector can pass after paying road fees but for governmental cargo, there is a high risk that cargo gets confiscated / diverted.
We recommend not to ship any goods via Trebil at this moment in time.
- 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)
BIAP is working normally. There are regular passenger and cargo flights available. Deliveries are possible within Baghdad city limits and to all destinations south of Baghdad. Deliveries to destinations north of Baghdad are subject to the situation.
- Umm Qassr / 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 regular flights for cargo and passengers to Basrah airport. Deliveries to all destinations around Basrah up to Baghdad are possible.

III.) 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

Province Dohuk:

The area is safe – no attacks registered.
Deliveries and transit traffic possible without any obstacles or delays.

Province Erbil:

Generally the security measures have been clearly tightened after the last attacks around Erbil area. After IS attacks west and southwest of Erbil many companies take an alternative road for their trips from Zakho to Erbil or Erbil back to Zakho in order to avoid Mossul city area fully.

Province Sulaymaniyah:

The area is safe – no attacks registered.
Deliveries and transit traffic possible without any obstacles or delays.



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Central- and South Iraq

Province Al-Tamim (Kirkuk):

Deliveries coming from the North (KRG region) possible. Transit towards south is temporary possible. Kirkuk has been taken by Peschmerga und the current security situation is under their control. But the city will soon be handed over back to the Iraqi forces.

Province Nineveh:

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

Province Salahaddin:

Presently shipments can be only delivered or routed in transit to / via northwestern part of Salahaddin. Deliveries to Tikrit are not possible as per now.

Province Diyala:

Presently shipments can be only delivered or routed in transit to / via eastern part of Diyala. Transit traffic or deliveries to Baqubah / Jalawla are only temporary possible but very risky.

Province Anbar:

The security situation is quite mixed. Presently no governmental shipments can be delivered or routed in transit via this area. For private shipments the IS controlled areas are very risky. Road fees are applicable.

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 are partly blocked or risky.

There are several options of routes in Iraq. But due to the current crisis and instable security situation it is not possible to use all of them. We would like to point out that these options should be taken extremely wary.

Option 1

The itinerary is already traversable from Zakho to Baghdad, crossing Dohuk – Erbil – Kirkuk – Tuz Khurmatu – Al Khalis. Please be noted that this road is currently in the testing phase!

Option 2

The itinerary is already operational from Zakho to Baghdad, cross Dohuk – Erbil – Kirkuk – Sulaymaniyah – Gassan – Kut. This road is ready for operation but please be noted that this option is longer than other routes!

1 of 3 routes from KRG region towards rest of Iraq is blocked.

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



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

All the information is given to the client of the newsletter under the condition to verify the suitability of the information before use.

Thank you for your attention.
Yours sincerely,

M.G. International Transports GmbH

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