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YOUR RELIABLE PARTNER FOR SHIPMENTS TO IRAQ

Oct 19th, 2017 NEWSLETTER

Dear Clients, Partners and Friends,

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

1. Latest News

► Iraqi Army starts Operation in northern Iraq

On Oct 16th the Iraqi Army has started a military operation to take over the control of areas where control was taken over by KRG during the war against IS. On Oct 16th and 17th the Iraqi Army has recaptured Kirkuk and several villages near the Iranian and Syrian border. Operation is still ongoing. For cargo movements the route between Kirkuk and Baghdad has been blocked temporarily. Further roadblocks as well as border closures might be the case within the next days. Our team is monitoring the local situation closely and will be glad to assist in case of further questions.

► New border point planned between Turkey and Iraq

The governments of both countries are currently discussing to open a new border point which might be an alternative option to Habur/Ibrahim Khalil. The planned border point is located in Ovaköy, Silopi, Sırnak on the

turkish side and in Dayrabun, Zakho, Dohuk on the Iraqi side. This border gate shall be controlled and operated by Turkish and Iraqi authorities and shall especially be the main gate for shipments from/via Turkey to Central-/Southern Iraq. In this case shipments with final destination Central-/Southern Iraq would enter Iraq via Ovaköy/Dayrabun and shipments with final destination KRG would enter Iraq via Habur/Ibrahim Khalil. We will inform you in case of any development.

► New regulation for shipments to Umm Qassr by FCL

Effective October 1st 2017, the Customs at Umm Qassr Port implemented the new regulation saying that all containers cleared at Umm Qassr Port are required to have a separate invoice per container in order to validate a value per container.

Consequently that means that all containers (even under same Bill of Lading) will be cleared under a separate ECD/MCD (Electronic Customs Declaration / Manual Customs Declaration). In the meantime this regulation was lifted for the governmental sector but is still in place for the private

sector. Further details and documents can be provided upon request.

► Upcoming Roadblocks for Zeyarah Arbaeeniyah

The roadblocks are still expected between Oct 26th and Nov 17th. Once the official dates are available we will provide them immediately.

► Upcoming Public Holidays Nov 08-11th: Arbaeeniyah Days

► M.G. International joins the Baghdad International Fair 2017

M.G. International will join the upcoming Baghdad International Fair (BIF) 2017. BIF 2017 will start on Oct 21st and will end on Oct 30th. You will find us at: Hall No. 16, German Pavilion. Our Team will be glad to meet you.

2. Security Situation

Iraq

Military movements are registered in several regions of the country. Due to military movements from central Iraq to the northern part the route between Kirkuk and Baghdad has been temporarily blocked for cargo movements.



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At the same time the Iraqi Army and the Federal Police have tightened the security measures for upcoming Arbaeeniyah event.

KRG

The Military operation is close to the KRG but not within the official borders. Within official borders of the autonomous region KRG the security situation is stable. But cargo can enter the region by trucks only because flights from and to the airports at KRG are not allowed since Sep 29th 2017.

3. Border situation

Turkish/Iraqi border

Security situation is stable. Border gates are open. The waiting times are around 2-4 days. Still there is the possibility that the border gates might be closed fully for a certain time period.

► Jordanian/Iraqi border

The border gates are open. Operation is running smoothly. As per now no obstacles are registered.

► Saudi Arabian/Iraqi border

The border gates are open. As per now no obstacles are registered.

4. Airfreight

General Situation

Due to the current closure of all airports at KRG the situation now is also affecting the airport Baghdad. Limited capacities for freight heading to Baghdad airport is getting worse due to the additional volume previously addressed to Erbil and rerouted to Baghdad instead. We do expect this limitation of freight capacities through end of 2017. Large shipments booked with any priority service take one week or more. We highly recommend to advise your shipment as early as possible once the estimated shipping date is available to ensure the earliest dispatch.

Erbil/Sulaymaniyah Airport

Since Sep 29th no cargo flights are allowed until further notice.

Baghdad/Basrah Airport

Port operations are running smoothly and no obstacles are registered.

5. Oceanfreight

Umm Qassr/Khor Al Zubair Seaport

Port operations are running smoothly and no obstacles are registered.

Mersin/Iskenderun seaport

Port operations are running smoothly and no obstacles are registered.

6. Overland Transport

RoRo Ferry Trieste-Mersin and Route via Balkan

Cargo movements via Trieste-Mersin RoRo Ferry are running smoothly and no obstacles are registered.

Thank you for your attention.
Yours sincerely,
M.G. International Transports GmbH

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