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Mar 13th, 2018 NEWSLETTER

Dear Clients, Partners and Friends,

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

1. Latest News

► Courier Package Handling

As per latest news it is no longer possible to send even small packages by courier service up to DDP final destinations in Iraq. Such packages will be handled with immediate effect as standard cargo and require a regular import customs clearance and payment of duty/tax in case no exemption letters are available. Further to this the importer needs to own a valid import license.

► New Port Tariff

The Iraqi Port Authority has published a new Port tariff. The new tariff is effective from 1st Jan 2018. Most of the charges for the cargo handling as well as the Vessel handling have been increased. Please contact us if you wish to receive a copy of the new tariff.

► Mosul region

After the liberation of Mosul the Routes towards Mosul are open again. End of December we transported the first goods to

Mosul. The preferred route from e.g. Basra is via Nassiriya, Taji, Samara, Tikrit, Bajai, Hamm AL Aleel to Mosul. The route via Kirkuk towards Mosul is not recommended from our point of view.

► Renewal of DEL & TEL

As already reported, Iraqi customs Authorities require a new Duty and Tax Exemption for 2018. Please liaise with your Iraqi client to obtain a new Duty and Tax Exemption from the Ministry of Finance.

It is not yet sure if a Duty and Tax Exemption will be granted for contracts signed in 2018. This is related to the new Iraqi budget which has not yet been approved by the Iraqi Parliament.

► Customs Tariff

General Customs Authorities published a new customs tariff which is not fully in force yet. However, the percentage for duties has been raised. Please contact us if you wish to receive more details.

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. Mainly goods such as foodstuff and local Jordanian Products are imported through this gateway for the time being.

► Saudi Arabian/Iraqi border

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

4. Airfreight

General Situation

on March 13th 2018 the Iraqi Government has announced the re-opening of Erbil and Suleimaniyah Airport for **INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS**. We are waiting for further details from the local authorities and will inform you when the first international passenger and



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cargo flights will call those airport again.

► Baghdad/Basrah Airport

Port operations are running smoothly and no obstacles are registered.

► Customs clearing at Baghdad/Basrah Airport

Due to the new rules (new DEL & TEL) most of the cargo at Baghdad and Basra airport got stuck and will only be cleared once the renewed DEL & TEL are available.

► Required Documents

For airfreight shipments the following documents are required:

Private Sector

- Import License
- Legalized Comm. Invoice
- Legalized Cert. of Origin
- Packing List

Governmental Sector

- Legalized Comm. Invoice
- Legalized Cert. of Origin
- Packing List
- Duty & Tax Exemption issued in 2018.

5. Ocean freight

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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