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Dear Clients, Partners and Friends,

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

### 1. Holidays (Ramadan)

The holy month of Ramadan will start around May 5<sup>th</sup> 2019 till June 4<sup>th</sup> followed by Eid al Fitr from approx. June 04<sup>th</sup> till June 7<sup>th</sup> 2019.

### 2. Iraqi Budget 2019

According to the latest news, the Iraqi Ministries expect their investment budget physically within the next two weeks. So far only the operation budget is available. Therefore large number of L/c's have not yet been issued.

### 3. Customs Clearing

#### **Duty & Tax Exemptions**

We like to highlight again that exemptions for contract issued e.g. in 2018 need to be re-issues / re-renewed for 2019 shipments.

FOC = Free of Charge items are usually NOT covered under duty and tax exemptions. Recently we have shipments where customs authorities asked for the payment of duty and taxes for FOC items. We recommend that you request your client to include FOC's in the DEL & TEL.

### 4. Airfreight

Overall the number of passenger flights will increase starting with the summer flight schedule. However, the number of pure freighters are still very limited.

An increasing number of airlines do accept handling of dangerous goods – please feel free to contact us for further details.

### 5. Liberated Areas

Deliveries to liberated areas such as e.g. Fallujah, Ramadi (Anbar province) or Mosul are generally possible. The access to those areas is easier as before. Certain areas e.g. West Mosul, Ramadi and others require dedicated permits and approvals.

### 6. Revised Customs Tariff

The previous Resolution No. 391 / 2018 is not valid anymore and has been replaced by the new "Unified Customs Tariff" which is now applicable for the whole Iraq, incl. the KRG Region. So far only the Arabic Version of the Unified Customs Tariff is

available and can be provided in case of need.

### 5. New Customs Yard in KRG for dedicated cargo

Since beg. of December 2018, cargo related to the health and medical sector ( FTL only) get sealed at Ibrahim Khalil Customs and guided to SEMILE (10 kms n/o Dohuk City) customs:

<https://www.google.de/maps/place/Semile,+Iraq/@36.8629678,42.8509712,15z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x4008f4e2e8825d0d:0x13423f3c6e624483!8m2!3d36.8608157!4d42.8476419?hl=de>

The customs clearance is done by the importers broker. Consolidated Truck shipments can still be cleared at Ibrahim Khalil border.

Yours sincerely,

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