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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 time of Ramadan has started and will end most likely on June 5th followed by EID holidays.

Officially, work will resume on June 9th. However, usually people take a break during this period, therefore we assume work really restart on June 14th only.

During Ramadan the working hours are limited and mostly only in the morning hours. The official working hours at UMM QASSR Customs or BIAP Airport Customs area from 08.30 – 12.30 hrs

After EID we expect a backlog in the customs clearing and shortage in trucks and equipment

2. Customs Clearing

Radiation Inspection at UMM QASSR

Please note that just recently a new regulation has been implemented saying that ALL container arriving to Umm Qassr Port need to pass a Radiation Inspection process. The same is applicable for all incoming conventional shipments.

This regulation is in place since last Sunday, 12.05.2019.

That means the following inspection process is required:

- All container, or cargo stripped from container, as well as all break bulk cargo need to pass the X-Ray Scanner at UMM QASSR Port.
- All cargo (container and break bulk) is required to pass a Radiation Inspection under scope of Basrah Environmental Department.

3. Customs Clearing based on Guarantee Letters.

Certain Ministries can clear their goods based on "guarantee letters" in case the DEL & TEL and/or the legalized documents are not available. So far this is mainly limited to the Ministry of Electricity and the Ministry of Health. In case of need, please contact us for further details.

4. Airfreight

As previously already reported, the number of passenger flights has increased starting with the summer flight schedule. Pure freighter flights are still very limited. Therefore space for larger air shipments / packages which

can not fit into pax-aircrafts requires pre-booking.

5. Transit via Trebil

The transit via Trebil border (Jordan/Iraqi border) is still very limited. Mainly consumer items produced in Jordan are moving via this route. For most of the Governmental shipments it is not permitted to use this gateway.

Yours sincerely,

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