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Dear Clients, Partners and Friends,

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

### 1. Ashura Holidays

Please take note that from 01.09.2019 Ashura Holidays started. The peak of the holidays is from Sep. 10<sup>th</sup> till Oct 10<sup>th</sup>. Please consider that during this time maybe delays during the clearance and transport in Iraq appear.

### 2. Clearance of shipments consigned to the Ministry of Health (MoH)

Please be informed, that as per request from Ministry of Health to the Customs Authorities the import procedure for shipments consigned to the MoH has been restructured for air and sea freight shipments. As of today the procedures are as follows:

#### **Air Shipments (Governmental Consignee)**

- 1) Customs Clearance and Inspection will be carried out by MOH Representative and Committee. After inspection, cargo will be sealed by customs.
- 2) After finalization the cargo will get loaded into Reefer Truck
- 3) The customs police will accompany the truck from the airport to the final destination. The cost of the customs police

escort are for account of the shipper. The above mentioned process will delay the overall transit time due to limited resources of the customs police escort and deliveries may have to be re-scheduled subject to the availability of the customs police escort.

#### **Air Shipments (Private Consignee)**

- 1) Customs Clearance and Inspection will effect at Baghdad International Airport
  - 2) After finalization the cargo will get loaded into Reefer Truck
  - 3) Before delivery, the truck will carry the cargo either to Shalchiya customs or Middle customs at Haswa for the inspection and customs value evaluation and payment of duties and taxes. Once this is completed, cargo can be delivered to the final destinations.
- Subject to the contractual agreements between the shipper and the importer, the costs for this additional transport and the customs escort are either for account of the shipper or the consignee.

#### **Sea Shipments ( via UQ port) - MoH Cargo only**

1) Initial Customs Clearance and Inspection will effect at Umm Qasr Port- the several parties are involved like:

- 1- Port Customs
- 2- MOH Representative
- 3- Customs Police
- 4- Borders Control Dep.

Each party has its own inspection and clearance process.

- 2) After finalization the cargo will get loaded into Reefer Truck / Cargo remains in the Container for delivery
- 3) The customs police will accompany the truck again from the port to the final destination.
- 4) As per today, only Kimadia warehouses are acceptable as final destination.
- 5) After customs check and completion of customs clearance, cargo can be offloaded or delivered to any other agreed destination warehouse.



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### 3. New Rates at Airports.

#### **Baghdad, Basra International Airport**

The storage tariff of Baghdad International Airport has been updated. There is no free time any more, storage will apply from the first day onwards.

At Baghdad Airport the service is performed by Iraqi Airways. At Basra Airport the service is performed by "BGHS – Basrah Ground Handling Services".

At both airports new handling fees have been implemented.

Further details can be obtained from us upon request.

Yours sincerely,

**M.G. International Transports**

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