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YOUR RELIABLE PARTNER FOR SHIPMENTS TO IRAQ

March 11th 2020 NEWSLETTER

Dear Clients, Partners and Friends,
we like to update you regularly on the day-to-day situation.

1. Corona Virus

Unfortunately the CORONA VIRUS (COVID19) has also reached the Iraqi territory.

To prevent the spreading of the virus, the Turkish authorities have closed the border between Turkey and the KRG (Ibrahim Khalil border). The KRG Authorities as well as Central Government authorities closed also the border between Iran and Iraq.

Currently approx. 8,000 trucks are waiting to cross the border in both directions. There are talks between the authorities to agree on a workable solution and started granting permissions to exchange the drivers or to exchange the prime movers in the border zone. This may create add. technical issues and requires precaution to avoid a lack of liability.

Also the idea of allowing a transshipment is under discussion but not implemented yet.

Similar like in other countries travel restrictions are in place already.

This will effect also the deliveries of goods to the various destinations. Additional costs for the shipments may occur and will

be charged as outlays to the shippers.

2. Customs Clearance

Based on a resolution of the Council of Ministers, it is required that the Border Control Office authenticated the correctness of the legalization of documents. General Customs has instructed all border points (except KRG) to carry out this additional authentication. We expect a couple of days delays in the customs clearing due to this new regulations.

3. Legalization / VoC

LEGALIZATION PROCESS for commercial documents (Invoice / Certificate of Origin): Inspection Certificates (Waren-testzertifikat / Goods Test Certificates) [.link to Ghorfa](#)

As per latest verbal announcement from the Iraqi consulate Berlin we've learned, that beside Bureau Veritas and TÜV Rheinland (as stated on the Ghorfa webpage) also INTERTEK and DEKRA are authorized to carry out inspections and issue the relevant test certificates. Certificates issued by these companies can be submitted by

exporters and are accepted by the iraqi consulate to complete the legalization process. Please check the website of the Iraqi Consulates for further details.

IMPORT CUSTOMS CLEARANCE TO IRAQ (KRG & Central Iraq) VOC-Certificates issued by INTERTEK

For deliveries to KRG destinations and/or the transit via KRG territories only Intertek VoC Certificates are accepted at Ibrahim Al Khalil Customs (ICIGI).

From now on Intertek been also awarded by the Central Iraqi government (COSQC) to provide VOC – Certificates which shall be accepted at the seaports and airports in Central & South Iraq.

4. Air Shipments

Due to the CORONA VIRUS various airlines reduced or stopped their services to Iraqi Airports.

Please contract us to check the actual status as the situation may change on daily basis.



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5. Sea freight Shipments

The Iraqi Port Authorities have announced a new tariff for the handling of goods at all Iraqi Ports. So far the new tariff has not been implemented but we expect the implementation within the next couple of weeks.

Yours sincerely,

M.G. International Transports

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