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YOUR RELIABLE PARTNER FOR SHIPMENTS TO IRAQ

March 3rd 2021 NEWSLETTER

Dear Clients, Partners and Friends,

we like to update you regularly on the day-to-day situation.

1. Curfew

Due to increasing number of COVID cases, Iraq was already under a soft lockdown. Now the Government has decided to implement a full lockdown from March 5th till March 15th 2021.

During this period all Ministries, Governmental offices and most of the privat companies are closed. Most likely only deliveries for strategic goods and receivers (MoH, MoO, MoI, MoE) will be possible sub to dedicated permits.

2. Visit of Pope Francis'

Pope Francis will visit Iraq from March 5th till March 8th. During his trip to Iraq the Pope will visit Baghdad, Mosul, Najaf, Nasiriya, Erbil and Mosul.

We expect serious travel restrictions during this period in the a.m. areas.

3. Cancellation DEL & TEL

We like to highlight again that the IRQ Government has cancelled all previously granted DEL & TEL. For old Contracts a renewal of those permits is possible. For new contracts, sub to details of the contracts, tax exemptions are no

longer possible. Duty exemptions are only possible for a limited number of contracts.

4. CoC Certificate

According to Intertek (the Inspection company for CoC Certificates required for KRG Region). The authorities in the KRG region have issued instructions that effective from 1st January, 2021, all types of Transformer Shipments including Medium and High Voltage Transformers must also be accompanied by a Certificate of Conformity (CoC).

Source: Intertek.

Exporter/Importer Guidelines

5. Ibrahim Khalil Border

Turkish trucks are allowed to enter into the KRG Region and can also deliver goods to the final destination e.g. Erbil again.

However a COVID Test is mandatory for the drivers. A changing of the prime movers is not anymore required, unless deliveries are for Central & South Iraq.

6. Iraqi Airports

Subject to further instructions it might be that there will be limitations for passenger flights to/from Iraq. So far also passenger flights are unchanged and still available.

Baghdad Intern. Airport

Cargo flights are taking place with limited schedule. We are offering currently at least two to three flights per week plus charter flight options.

Erbil Intern. Airport

Mixed Flights (cargo and passengers) are flying again regularly. We are offering currently 3-4 flights per week to Erbil.

Basrah Intern. Airport

Various Airlines offering again regular flights per week. (Mixed flights). Charter Flights are calling Basra Airport. We offer one charter cargo flight per week for the time being.



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7. Iraqi Seaports

North & South Port Terminals are working normal. During the upcoming curfew we expect that vessels operations and Customs Clearance procedures might take longer than usual due to limited number of staff and manpower.

9. Jordanian Seaport

Agaba is working as usual, there are no major delays in operation. The Trebil border point is open for domestic and for transit cargo. Transshipments from Jordan to Iraqi Trucks take place at the no-men's land.

Please feel free to contact us in case of any specific question and please stay safe and healthy.

Yours sincerely,

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