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YOUR RELIABLE PARTNER FOR SHIPMENTS TO IRAQ

May 5th 2021 NEWSLETTER

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

1. Eid Al Fitr

Eid Al Fitr will be from May 12th till May 16th 2021 subject to final official announcement. The Sea and Airport will remain open but customs clearing and delivery will not be possible during the holidays.

2. COVID - Curfew

Due to high number of COVID infection and in order to avoid the gathering of people, the Iraqi Government has announce a curfew for 10 days from May 12th till May 22nd 2021. During the curfew period Air and Seaport remain open for discharging but customs clearing and collection of goods will be very limited.

3. DEL & TEL Cancellation

As already mentioned, due to the implementation of the new Federal Budget, General Customs announced the cancellation of all duty and tax exemption on March 25th 2021. Till now this case has not yet been resolved. Customs clearing of exempted goods is only possible with a newly issued duty and tax exemption. Alternatively customs clearing is possible against the

payment of duties and taxes. Therefore a high number of shipment is currently stucked at the ports.

4. Iraqi Seaports

North & South Port Terminals are working normally. 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.

The new Umm Qassr Port Tariff, version 2021 has been implemented on May 1st 2021. Please contact us if you require the actual version. Beside other change the free time for break bulk cargo has been reduced from 10 days to 7 days.

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 because of the curfew 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 incl. re-export services.

Erbil Intern. Airport

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

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. Currently there are no re-exports possible out of Basra.



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7. Jordanian Seaport

Aqaba 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,

M.G. International Transports

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