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

1. Eid Al-Adha

Kindly be informed that Eid Al-Adha will be celebrated in Iraq. It was announced to take place on July 9th onwards for four days. We expect that holidays will last from July 7th till July 17th (including two weekends). Limited working hours of official institutions such as Banks, Ministries and others are expected.

2. Clearance of MOO Shipments at Umm Qassr Port

Earlier this month the clearing of levy exempted cargo has again been stopped based on a General Customs decision.

As per decision from the Council of Ministers was required to re-activate the levy exemption for Min of Oil Cargo.

This is under process and we understood that meetings between MoO and MoF are scheduled to sort out the matters. But till today, levy exemption are NOT in place again and clearing of such goods is NOT possible for the time being.

3. Influences of Ukraine Crisis

Current crisis at Ukraine has still major impact on global shipping and transportation market.

Due to a dramatic increase in fuel prices freight charges are still on a high level along with a shortage of empty container equipment and delays in transit time, re-routing of vessels and airplanes.

4. Situation at European North Sea Ports

European North Sea Ports are heavily effected by global influences caused by Covid-19, Ukraine and increase of fuel prices. The heavy congestion reached European North Sea Coast just recently.

Presently there are about 200.000 TEU stucked in front of European North Sea Ports. Serious delays occur for the loading and discharging of vessels, Trucks, trains and river barges. Situation for Ports of Antwerp and Rotterdam is even worse. As per latest information, about 2% of global freight volume are stucked/congested in the North Sea area presently.

5. Iraqi Seaports

Umm Qassr Port is working on normal level. No major congestion is recognized, except pilling up of goods due to outstanding levy exemption approvals particular for MoO shipments. Due to upcoming Eid Holidays we expect a backlog of cargo after the holidays.

6. Ibrahim Khalil Border

Ibrahim Khalil Border is working normally. There are no major waiting times or delays. Turkish Trucks are still moving only to destinations within the KRG Area. For central and south Iraq we are doing either a transshipment of the cargo to Iraqi trucks or change the Truck heads.

7. Trebil Border

Trebil Border is working normally. There are no major waiting times or delays. It is still required to transship cargo from Jordanian to Iraqi trucks at the border. Attention: Certain Ministries do not have permanent representative at the border to arrange the customs clearing. Therefore, this need to be sorted out prior to shipping the goods



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from Aqaba port towards the border.

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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