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**YOUR RELIABLE PARTNER FOR SHIPMENTS TO IRAQ**

September 15<sup>th</sup> 2022 NEWSLETTER

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

### 1. End of Ashura Period

As mentioned in our previous newsletters, Ashura will end within the next couple of days. Currently the peak season of the pilgrim has started. From Today till Sep 18<sup>th</sup> 2022 a large number of pilgrims will walk from all parts of Iraq to Najaf and Kerbala. During the next couple of days certain part, particular in and around Najaf and Kerbala are closed to cargo traffic. Furthermore, Government has declared holidays in certain parts of the country.

Please consider that will have an impact on the movement of cargo and customs operation.

The Seaports and Airports will remain open but customs clearing and deliveries, particular in the southern parts of Iraq might be delayed.

### 2. Clearance of MOO Shipments at Umm Qassr Port

Meanwhile clearing of MoO exempted cargo is going on and backlogs are almost covered.

### 3. Import License

We like to draw your attention that certain cargo e.g. cables require an import license. This will also apply to exempted cargo belonging to the Governmental Sector. Therefore, please re-check the HS-Code and the requirements prior to sending such type of goods. We will be happy to assist and support on this.

### 4. Raising Fuel Prices

The current Ukraine crises let to a massive increase in fuel prices not only in Europe but also in the Middle East. Therefore, please consider that Freight charges for shipments by Sea, Air or Trucks are still increasing. For certain Trade a dedicated "fuel surcharge" is applicable. This will include also services to/from Iraq.

### 5. Disrupted Supply Routes.

Due to the Covid Pandemic still supply routes are very volatile. China has again implemented lock down in more than 30 cities as of today. In the US certain states e.g. California, Texas and others are heavily effected by the shortage of labors incl truck

drivers. This is delaying the operation of vessels for in- and outbound cargo. Vessel still have to wait days and weeks to get loaded/discharged and Hinterland traffic are delayed.

### 6. Iraqi Seaports

Umm Qassr Port is working on normal level. No major congestion is recognized, storage of uncleared cargo has significantly been reduced.

### 7. 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.

Medical Cargo entering via Ibrahim Khalil and addresses to Central Government areas require additional approval and authorization to pass the Central Government checkpoints around Baghdad.



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## 8. 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 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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