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

### **1. New Import Customs Regulations (Quality Control)**

As already reported, according to new regulations all commercial imports to Iraq (via Umm Qassr) require a Quality Control Certification issued by International Inspection Company.

For the time being, this process is still on hold but can be activated any time. Our recommendation is to prepare yourselves to provide the Inspection Certificates.

### **2. Update on clearance for BOC shipments**

As also mentioned in our last newsletter, IOC's and IRQ Oil Companies require to submit final draft of the shipping documents (without legalization) min 30 working days prior shipments arrival in order to apply for the duty and tax exemption.

### **3. New Regulations for Ministry of Oil Imports**

Just recently there was a new rule implemented saying that all shipments related to Ministry of Oil in Iraq arriving to Umm Qassr Port,

have to be shifted via a dedicated yard belonging to Iraqi Port Authority ("IPA"). This will have a serious impact on the cargo handling costs.

### **4. Arab Gulf Seaports**

Unfortunately, nearly all Arab Gulf Ports are suffering from extremely high cargo volumes and therefore congestions of several days. In average the congestion e.g. in Jebel Ali, Damman, Kuwait and other ports is between 4-10 days. Please contact us for specific details.

### **5. Iraqi Seaports**

Umm Qassr and Khor Al Zubair Ports are working well. There is currently no congestions reported.

### **6. Ibrahim Khalil Border**

Border clearing process is working smoothly.

Enroute from KRG Region to Central and Southern the governmental forces keep two routes open only.

They do concentrate on these checkpoints:

the first is the Al-Sadd Road in Mosul and the second is the Khanaqin Road via Diyala

Especially on the Kirkuk Road congestion and backlog of trucks is reported.

### **7. Iraqi Airports**

Following update as per 14th of October 2024

Emirates and Turkish Airlines have extended the suspension of



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all flights into Baghdad till 30<sup>th</sup> of October

Royal Jordanian and Qatar Airways are currently serving Baghdad, Basrah and Erbil with small narrow-body aircrafts, very limited cargo capacities.

Cargo opportunities are left via all cargo carrier with trans-shipments in Baku or the UAE with (still) quite frequent services, mainly Baghdad, but also Erbil and Basrah

Operational wise, the Main Iraqi Airports Baghdad, Basrah and Erbil are operating well and no delays/obstacles are reported.

### **8. Upcoming Holidays**

The holidays are expected to be Nov 20<sup>th</sup> and Nov 21<sup>st</sup> (Curfew expected)

Dec 25<sup>th</sup> Christian Holiday (Christmas)

During this period, we expect a slow-down in working capacities of official (government) institutions and banks.

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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