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

### **1. Local Conflicts Israel/Iran**

According to the recent developments between Israel and Iran it is expected that the situation in the overall region will become more tense in the next days/weeks.

First of all, we are expecting an impact in the international air traffic for passenger and cargo movements.

**Iraqi airspace was already closed since June 12<sup>th</sup> night and is still closed until this minute.**

We are monitoring the situation closely and will keep you updated on a regular basis.

### **2. Updated Customs Tariff Iraq**

Effective June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 the Iraqi Ministry of Finance has implemented a new Customs Tariff.

This update had direct impact on the working performance at Umm Qasr Port while customs brokers stopped working partly. As of today, the port did not yet come back to normal and a backlog in

customs clearance processes is still existing.

Due to the new Customs Tariff, there was a software update in the automatic customs system "ASYCUDA".

The system does not work properly yet. Especially private sector / commercial shipments are not properly cleared for the time being.

### **3. Entry Points Baghdad Airport / Ibrahim Khalil Customs**

Basically, all entry points are affected by the implementation of the New Customs Tariff.

Processes for clearance are slowed down. This includes Baghdad & Basrah International Airports as well as Northern Iraqi entry points e.g. Ibrahim Khalil Border and Erbil International Airport.

### **4. Checkpoint Mosul / KRG exit**

Along with the New Customs Tariff, the Iraqi Government has re-activated customs controls at Mosul Checkpoint (from KRG to Central Iraqi territory). Additional tax payments of 5-15% are likely,

depending on the evaluations. Trucks passing KRG to Central Iraq are facing delays for the time being.

For any questions or comments, you may please feel free to contact us any time.

Yours sincerely,

**M.G. International Transports**

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