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June 17th 2025 NEWSLETTER

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

1. Local Conflicts Israel/Iran

Airfreight Service

The airspace of Israel, Iran and Iraq is currently closed for the civil aviation.

As per latest information, the Iraqi airspace will remain closed until further notice, except flights to Basra.

Emirates Airlines and Fly Dubai stopped their flights to Iraq till June 30th and to Jordan till June 22nd 2025.

Currently only Iraqi Airways is offering a service Basra-Dubai-Basra but passengers only.

Jordan and Lebanon have temporarily re- opened their airspace on Sunday 15th.

In any case, due to the volatile situation, airlines reserve the right to cancel flights at any time. Furthermore, re-closing of currently open airspace routes may happen due to government / authority's decision even on short notice.

For Cargo Shipments, we can offer alternative routes via Amman with overland passage to e.g. Baghdad or via Dubai with

ongoing transit by land or sea & land.

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

Courier Services

Most of the international courier service companies have stopped offering direct services to Iraq. This can cause significant delays in the clearing of cargo if e.g. you are not able to dispatch the legalized original documents to Iraq. Same applies for the submitting of Original Commercial and Shipping documents under Letter of Credits.

If required, we can offer a service via Amman and further overland-transit to Iraq. The overall transit time is approx. one week sub to final confirmation.

Iraqi seaports

As per today, the access to the Arab Gulf via The Strait of Hormuz is open and accessible. Vessels are calling all arab gulf ports, depending on the relevant ports, a slight berthing delay can occur. At UMMQ Port we have

currently between 2-3 days waiting time for Containers vessel. Partly the same for break bulk vessels. All terminals at e.g. Umm Qassr Port are working.

The Strait of Hormuz is a narrow waterway, about 48 kilometres wide at its narrowest point, connecting the Arabian Gulf with the Gulf of Oman and ultimately with the Indian Ocean and the rest of the world. The waterway is controlled by the Gov of Iran, Oman and the UAE. It is the world's most important oil & gas transit route. Annually approx. 33,000 ships plus thousands of smaller boats are passing this waterway.



SUPPOSE, there will be a further escalation of the conflict between Israel and Iran, the passage of



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the "Strait of Hormuz" is affected or not possible anymore, this will cause a major impact on the supply routes within the Arabian Gulf as well as the oil & gas suppliers for the world.

Already today, we see a slight increase in the sea freight rates plus a shortage of empty containers in the region.

2. South Iraqi Inland deliveries

Deliveries via Iraqi south sea ports to all destinations within Iraq are operating normally. Our Zubair Logistic hub is also working normally.

3. Entry Point Ibrahim Khalil

Shipments via Turkey either by Vessel to Turkish ports or overland truck service are running smoothly. KRG Customs is working at Ibrahim Khalil. Federal Gov. Customs Dep is still operating customs check points as the crossing between KRG and Federal Iraqi Territory. Still KRG customs is not accepting Duty & Tax exemptions issued by Federal Customs office Baghdad.

Turkish trucks are only allowed to delivery up to KRG final destinations e.g. Erbil. For final destinations e.g. Baghdad, a trans-shipment to Iraqi Trucks is

mandatory. We are offering such services by using our Dohuk transshipment hub.

Mosul Checkpoint is only operating with delays due to newly imposed customs fees on certain products.

4. Entry Point Trebil

Sea shipments to Aqaba port are working normally. Vessel are either calling Aqaba directly or as a feeder service via Jeddah Port.

Transit customs clearing at Aqaba and AZEZA free zone are working normally. Jordanien trucks are traveling up to the Trebil border point for transshipment on to Iraqi Trucks. For certain goods and sub to the Iraqi receivers, we can also use Iraqi trucks for loading at Aqaba Port and avoid the transshipment at Trebil border.

Highway from Trebil via Ruthba to e.g. Baghdad is safe, traffic is running smoothly. Shipments from Trebil to e.g. Baghdad are traveling with Customs Escorts in Convoys.

5. New Iraqi Customs Tariff

As already reported, Iraqi Federal Customs Authorities have implemented a new customs tariff

starting from June 1st 2025 onwards. Due to EID holidays and the implementation of the new tariff there was a significant backlog at Umm Qasr Port. Currently it takes up to 2-3 days to enter empty trucks to enter UMQ Port e.g. for the delivery of the return of empty containers and also up to 3 days for loaded trucks (break bulk and/or container cargo) to complete customs clearing and leave the port.

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

Yours sincerely,

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