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Newsletter for shipments to Iraq

Dear clients,

I.) Iraq - Regulations on cars import

Effective from 1 March 2009, Iraqi customs regulations do not allow multiple cars under one bill of lading, for a single consignee, if the consignee is a person. This implies that each person is allowed to import only one car. In case the consignee is a company then more than one car in a container is acceptable.

Importing vehicles of more than 2 years or used spare parts into Iraq is strictly prohibited by Iraqi Customs. Non-compliance by consignee or carrier will be treated very seriously and heavy penalties will apply. In case of non-adherence all related customs penalties and charges will be to the responsibility of the origin/shipper.

Model numbers of the cars will be required to be shown on the import cargo manifest and advised by Umm Qasr Port. In the event that any container is loaded without a manifest or with incomplete container details in the manifest, Umm Qasr Port will charge ID 8,000 per MT of Cargo, an equivalent of USD 7.00 per MT of cargo.

II.) Second ro/ro ramp at Umm Qasr port

As already reported, the 2nd ro-ro ramp at Umm Qasr port is under operation now. Please see some photos below. Jetty no. 22 is only used for vehicles.

III.) Erbil International Fair 2009

We are pleased to inform you that the "ERBIL INTERNATIONAL FAIR" will take place from 12th till 15th of October 2009. We will participate on that fair.

IV.) Border situation



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a.) Al Karameh / Trebil (Jordan/Iraqi border)

The Jordanian and the Iraqi government had also various meetings during the past week in order to push the cargo movement via the Jordan gateway (similar to the Syrian gateway). But the current situation has not changed so far.

There are still no Iraqi reefer trucks allowed to enter into Jordan. Therefore, all reefer cargo has to be transhipped at the border from Jordan to Iraqi reefer trucks.

The number of Iraqi trucks entering Jordan is still very limited. As an average we are talking about 40-50 trucks per day max. Otherwise cargo has to be transhipped at the border (similar to reefer cargo).

Aqaba port authorities intend to increase the port charges (stevedoring, storage etc) during the next couple of weeks. So far no firm figures are available.

b.) Syrian/Iraqi borders

The Iraqi and the Syrian government have agreed to re-start the Syrian gateway. In a first step they will ship foodstuff in bulk again via Syria. In order to handle larger quantities, they will restart the railway service by the end of this year. Meanwhile, there is only a truck service available. As an average, approx 50-80 Iraqi trucks are entering Syria per day and approx 200 Syrian trucks are entering Iraq per day. The Iraqi trucks are using a border point close to Mosul, the Syrian trucks are using Al Waleed border.

c.) Habour / Zakho (Turkish / Iraqi border)

The service via the Turkish gateway is running very well. Approx 1,000 – 1,500 trucks are crossing the border daily. The average waiting time for Turkish trucks to enter Iraq is approx 2-4 days. The average waiting time for Turkish trucks to return back from Iraq to Turkey is approx 5-7 days.

d.) Umm Qassr port

The current average waiting time is approx.

Ro/ro vessel: 2-3 days waiting time

Container Vessel: 7-10 days waiting time

Break Bulk Vessel: 5- 7 days waiting time, depending on the type of cargo loaded.

Jetty no. 11 : is operated by a private stevedoring company. The costs are different from the Port Tariff. The draft is between 8-10 meters.



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In general the draft, depending on the different jetties, is still between 8,00 – 10,00 meters. The availability of trucks for South and Central Iraqi destinations is okay.

e.) Safwan/ Abdali commercial border point (Kuwait / Iraqi border)

The situation is again normal. Approx 100-200 trucks are crossing this border point per days with commercial cargo. All cargo has to be transhipped from Kuwaiti to Iraqi trucks.

Yours faithfully,

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