

NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter for shipments to Iraq

Dear clients,

I.) Shipments to Iraq / required documentation for import clearance:

a) Certificate of Origin:

From today on for all shipments to Iraq a copy of the original certificate of origin is required to complete the customs procedures. This information is valid for all entry points (Zakho/Trebil/Al Waleed/Safwan/Umm Qassr).

II.) Shipments to Iraq via Zakho border:

a) Duty Exemption procedure:

A rough idea of the procedure is as following:

- Ministry of Health (MoH) is sending the application for the duty exemption to the General Customs in Baghdad
- General Customs in Baghdad issues a letter addressed to the Ministry of Finance (MoF) in Baghdad
- MoF forwards this letter to Kurdistan Regional MoF in Erbil
- MoF in Erbil translates this letter in Kurdish language and forwards it to Ibrahim Khalil Customs (Zakho.)

b) Important note for " Medicine & Medicals" as transitscargo via Turkey:

Any kind of medicine requires an approval from the Ministry of Health in Ankara. The ministry actually checks whether any medicine contains narcotic and/or psychotrop. The medicines which are not allowed to be delivered via Turkey, need to be returned back to the origin. If you intend to ship any medicine we suggest to provide us with a list for medical and surgical supplies covered by an invoice and prospectus of each medicine, so that we can check this prior to shipment.





III.) Border situation

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

The flow of cargo via Jordan into Iraq is still limited as well as the number of Iraqi trucks entering into Jordan on a daily basis (average 40-50 per day max). Still no Iraqi reefer trucks are allowed to enter into Jordan. Therefore, all reefer cargo has to be transhipped from Jordan to Iraqi reefer trucks at the border.

b.) Syrian/Iraqi borders

The traffic via the Syrian gateway into Iraq is slightly increasing. As a border point, so far, only the border point of "Al Waleed" remains open (except the railway border).

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

The service is still running well only with some delays. The waiting time for Turkish trucks into Iraq is currently approx. 7-10 days max. and approx. 8-10 days for empty Turkish trucks from Iraq back into Turkey.

d.) Umm Qassr port

The ports storage facilities are working at their full capacities and this may cause delays during discharging and storage. Here we do recommend to arrange the discharging on direct delivery basis.

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

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

Yours faithfully,

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