



Siegen/Germany, April 16th 2010.

Newsletter for shipments to Iraq

Dear clients,

Please see below the latest news related to logistic services to Iraq.

I.) Iraqi election / security situation

Unfortunately the security situation after the election became again critical. Besides a number of bomb blasts in Baghdad, also other areas all over the country were hit by various attacks. Therefore, transportation services to certain areas require a higher security level compared to earlier this year.

II.) TBI L/c opening was delayed

Early March, TBI has implemented a new computer system, therefore the L/c opening in March was nearly zero. Only since a couple of days, they started to open again letters of credit.

III.) TBI - JP Morgan consortium

After 6 ½ years, The Trade Bank of Iraq and JP Morgan consortium agreed not to extend the cooperation under the previous consortium procedures. During the consortium cooperation, TBI issued about 4,400 L/C's through the consortium partners.

Meanwhile the consortium members signed individual co-operation agreements with The Trade Bank of Iraq. In this regard we recommend that you speak to Hypo Vereinsbank AG (the German consortium member). Hypo Vereinsbank, a member of Unicredit Group, signed their own individual agreement with The Trade Bank of Iraq as well as major Iraqi private banks. Contact details are: Hypovereinsbank AG, Duesseldorf – Mr. Ronald Weber, e-mail: ronald.weber@unicreditgroup.de

Also other German banks such as Commerzbank AG, Dresdner Bank AG and Deutsche Bank AG signed individual agreements.



IV.) Legalization by Iraqi Embassy / Consulate required

End of March 2010, the General Customs Baghdad draws the attention to the customs regulations already installed in 2009, stating, that the commercial invoice and certificate of origin need to be legalized by the iraqi consulate of the exporting contry prior delivery to Iraq.

For goods originating ex Germany (for other countries it may be similar)the steps are as following:

- 1) authentication by local German chamber of commerce
- 2) authentication by German BUNDESVERWALTUNGSAMT (BVA),Cologne
information available under:

http://www.bva.bund.de/cln_101/nn_372242/sid_5EA36FB03A93BA27BDA95FEFFD6D9DB0/DE/Aufgaben/Abt_II/Legalisation/merkleblatt_endbeglaubigung.html?_nn=true

- 3) Handover to the German GHORFA <http://www.ghorfa.de/> who will arrange the legalization by the Iraqi consulate / attache in Berlin

(In case of any further questions pls feel free to contact us.)

For future L/C ´s we do expect the implementation of this request step by step and we do recommend to calculate add. time for the preparation of the exportdocuments accordingly.

V.) New Port Tariff for Iraqi South Ports

Please note that since 1st April 2010 a new port Tariff for Iraqi South Ports (incl. Umm Qassr) is in place. Unfortunately, the English version has not yet been published.

Yours faithfully,

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