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Newsletter for shipments to Iraq

Dear clients,

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

I.) New customs regulation for goods in transit via Turkey

The Turkish customs informed us that from 28.05.2010 on as per new transit customs regulations for goods in transit through Turkey, an originally stamped and signed Invoice has to be presented to the concern " Customs Directorate" in Turkey.

Therefore we strongly recommend to send the originals with the goods or to send them to our office in Turkey prior to arrival of the goods. Otherwise we have to consider extra waiting time, or the clearance might even be rejected.

II.) New port tariff for Mersin port (MIP)

MIP (MERSIN INTERNATIONAL PORT) just announced to increase the local port charges tariff starting from 01.06.2010. They justify this by an abnormal increase of transport unions. The Chamber of Maritime and Chamber of Commerce have already rejected this and try to achieve a lower tariff . Once announced, the final tariff will be available on the MIP webpage: www.mersinport.com.tr

III.) Legalization by Iraqi embassy / consulate required (REVISED)

End of March 2010, the General Customs Baghdad draws the attention to the customs regulations already installed in 2009, stating, the special handling of the commercial invoice , certificate of origin and packinglist.

The NEW rules implemented by the Iraqi central customs office in Baghdad are as follows:



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- **Private sector**

Shipments for the private sector require with immediate effect a full legalization of:

- Commercial Invoice,
- Certificate of Origin
- Packing List.

Attention: All documents need an identification number. For the invoice and the certificate of origin there are usually individual numbers on the documents. But MOST important is also, that the packing list has an identification number which the shipper can choose. The reason is that the packing list will be attached to the customs duty exemption letter (if the project is for the rehabilitation of Iraq and is exempted) and to the customs bayan.

In addition an import license (like for machineries) issued by the relevant Ministry (e.g. Ministry of Trade) is required.

- **Governmental sector**

Shipments for the governmental sector (State Companies, Ministries) require a legalization of the Certificate of Origin by the Iraqi consulate in the home country of the supplier. The commercial invoice and the packing list have to be a true copy (original stamps and signature) but NO Iraqi consulate for the time being. Again, all documents require identification numbers.

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.

Yours faithfully,

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