

Military Surface Deployment and Distribution

Customer and Carrier Advisory

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Subject: 2024 Eid Al Adha Holiday Impact on CENTCOM AOR Cargo Shipments

Purpose: To inform the shipping community of the disruption of cargo movement expected to occur during Eid Al Adha Holiday.

Be Advised: Eid Al Adha, the Feast of the Sacrifice, the second of two major religious festivals celebrated by Muslims, will tentatively begin on 16 Jun 24 and end on 18 Jun 24. The actual dates may vary in each country.

IMPACT ON CENTCOM AOR:

840th Transportation Battalion AOR:

Country	Impact
Kuwait	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Customs is expected to close from 14 - 22 Jun 24 (including weekend), there is a minimum of 2 days to clear cargo.▪ Approval of customs documentation to include AK302s will be suspended. Carriers are recommended to submit all documents in advance to prevent delays.▪ Port operations will remain suspended for the first 2 or 3 days of Eid. Discharge operations from vessels will continue, but there will be no deliveries due to customs closure.
Egypt	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ All Government offices including Customs will remain closed on/about 16-18 Jun 24. No Customs inspection for Import/Export clearance will be performed.
Iraq	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ All offices to include Customs will be closed during the Eid on/about 14 - 22 Jun 24 (including weekend), there is a minimum of 2 days to clear cargo.▪ Expect delays due to port congestion as all operations will/might be stopped during Eid.
Jordan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Jordan will see minimal impact during Eid.▪ Government offices will be closed for Eid from 14 - 22 June 2024 (which includes weekend), there is a minimum of 2 days to clear cargo.▪ Customs clearances will continue to be processed.▪ Expect delays on port operations due to short of staffing. Expect cargo dispatch operation to continue.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ No anticipated delays in Israel, Lebanon and Syria.

831st Transportation Battalion AOR:

Country	Impact
Bahrain	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Customs is expected to close from 16-19 Jun 24 (including weekend).▪ Port will be operational on 24 x 7 basis. Hence, quay side operation will not be affected.▪ Gate operations / Customs inspection will be impacted during Eid. Further delays are expected in obtaining delivery appointments after Eid.
Oman	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Expected Eid holiday to be declared from 16-19 Jun 24 (including weekend). The port and customs offices will be operational with minimal staff during the Eid Holiday.
Qatar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Expected Eid holiday to be declared from 16-23 Jun 24 (including weekend). All port and customs operations will be stopped.▪ Cargo will be staged at the port as General Headquarters (GHQ) approvals and Transit Bayan will be delayed before and after Eid. Customs process will be slower and considering summer work ban hours there will be no customs inspection between 1100HRS to 1600HRS.
UAE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ United Arab Emirates (UAE) expects Customs closure on 16-19 Jun 24 (including weekend) therefore there will be no cargo movement during this time.▪ Foresee delays in obtaining Environment, Health and Safety (EHS) Inspection, Security Industrial Regulatory Agency (SIRA), Ministry of Defense (MOD), and Value Added Tax (VAT) approvals. This will delay customs clearance for both import and export. The administrative processing will cause an impact of an additional 5 day delay.▪ No anticipated issues with Prime Vendor cargo dispatching to the airport or cold storage facility.
KSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) Diriyah Joint Operations Center (DJOC) will be closed from 11- 22 Jun 24 and will reopen on 23 Jun 24.▪ Joint Operations Center (JOC) requests for any movements that is required between 11- 23 Jun 24 should be submitted PRIOR to 10 Jun 24.▪ Requests sent after 10 Jun 24, will not get government approval or clearance for at least 2 weeks.

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