

**Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command**  
**Customer Advisory**  
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**Subject:** Iraq Cargo Booked via Port of Umm Qasr, Iraq

**Purpose:** To provide shipper and booking offices with updated guidance for shipping Non-FMS cargo to Umm Qasr, Iraq. **These updates contained herein supersede any previous guidance.**

**Be Advised:**

**1. Foreign Military Sales (FMS) Cargo Shipments:**

For FMS cargo cleared via the Import Levy Exemption Waiver (LEW) process, the shipper is responsible for submitting the LEW and providing the following required customs documents to the carrier.

- (a) LEW Request Form
- (b) ATCMD, DD Form 1384, or DD Form 1149
- (c) Commercial Invoice and Commercial Packing List
- (d) HAZMAT Documents, if applicable
- (e) Bill of Lading (Carrier-provided; upon lift)
- (f) Only for Vendor shipments: Scanned copy of primary award page of the contract under which the cargo is being imported into Iraq.

\*NOTE: Iraqi Customs will make final determination if documentation is sufficient or if additional information is required such as: Copies of Purchase Orders, Air Way Bills, Performance Work Statement (PWS) showing only the period of performance dates, etc.

Customs clearance process takes 7-14 days if LEW is available and no correction is required.

**2. Non-FMS Cargo Shipments:**

Non-FMS cargo **shall not** be booked to Iraq destinations via Umm Qasr (PL2 nor PL4). Containerized, rolling stock, break-bulk or general cargo will be booked on port terms to the commercial port of Ash Shuaiba (PN4) and on door terms to the commercial port of Ash Shuaiba (PN2) to DODAAC W90WV9 for stripping and onward movement to final destination. The ultimate consignee will be annotated in the "Remarks to Booker" and "Delivery Information to Carrier" sections of the ETRR as "Marked for DODDAC XXXXXX" final destination with unit and/or organization name in the clear. 1<sup>st</sup> Theater Sustainment Command

(1TSC) will coordinate the onward movement of the cargo to final destination from Kuwait via GLOC or ALOC.

**3. Non-FMS Customs Requirements (Booked via Kuwait):**

Customs clearance documentation for Iraq bound cargo booked to the port of Ash Shuaiba, Kuwait will be processed by the 840th Transportation Battalion. Kuwait and Iraq customs clearance documents for onward ground movement to Iraq via Kabari Crossing will be processed by the 1TSC Support Operations Mobility Cell.

**4. Kuwait Port Transportation Movement Request:**

The unit's Liaison Officer (LNO) will be notified upon receipt to submit a Transportation Movement Request (TMR) for onward movement to final destination once cargo has cleared customs at the port. The LNO or consignee is responsible for submitting the TMR for onward movement to final destination for commercial cargo for Ash Shuaiba (PN2), and military cargo for Ash Shuaiba (PN4). If a representative is not in theater then 1TSC or 840<sup>th</sup> Transportation Battalion will submit the TMR on behalf of the shipper.

**5. All Classes of supply:**

The Shipper will compensate the Carrier for delays due to missing customs documentation. This includes any other shipping documentation required by the host nation for the onward movement of the cargo (if it is determined the delay is caused by the US Government).

Port Storage charges incurred during cargo clearance are billed against the Shipper's TAC. Storage Fees and Free Time are based on the Umm Qasr Port Tariff.

**6. Door vs. Pier Shipments:**

- a. Cargo destined for Iraq via the port of Umm Qasr should be booked using door destination terms. Shipper must confirm the receiving and downloading capabilities with the consignee prior to booking the cargo, due to lack of MHE handling rates in the Universal Services Contract.
- b. If cargo is booked with pier destination terms to Umm Qasr, then the cargo may only be booked to Southport (PL4) provided prior coordination has been made with the 595th Trans BDE / 840th TB.

**Government-Owned / Leased Conveyances (Containers and Flat racks):** Government-owned / leased conveyances may be shipped to door destinations in Iraq.

### **Carrier-Owned Conveyances:**

- (a) **FMS cargo (Booked via Iraq):** cleared via LEW. No carrier owned containers are allowed to be shipped into Iraq. "Cargo handling import" accessorial should be requested at the time of booking for closed containers. "Transloading destination" accessorial must be requested at the time of booking for Out-of-Gauge (OOG) flat racks.
- (b) **Non-FMS cargo (Booked via Kuwait):** All non-FMS cargo must be booked to Iraq via the Port of Ash Shuaiba, and must be shipped in Government-owned / leased conveyances. "Cargo handling import" and "Security Convoy" accessories are not applicable for Iraq-bound cargo booked via Ash Shuaiba, Kuwait (PN2/PN4).

**Breakbulk Cargo:** FMS Breakbulk cargo can be shipped to door destinations in Iraq and must be booked on 'liner' terms.

- 7. **PODs:** For clarification on which port code to use for cargo consigned to locations in Iraq, contact the POC below.
  - a) **PL2: Umm Qasr (Northport)** – used on a case by case basis only after coordination with 595th Trans BDE / 840th Trans BN.
  - b) **PL4: Umm Qasr (Southport)** – used for all FMS shipments moving through Umm Qasr to door destinations in Iraq.

### **8. Accessorials:**

The following are required accessories for cargo booked on door terms via Umm Qasr:

- a) **Cargo Clearance Import:** for all cargo (Containers, flat racks and breakbulk)
- b) **Tarpping:** for flat racks, breakbulk cargo and carrier owned containers containing FMS cargo for inland movement by truck
- c) **Security Convoy:** for all cargo (Containers, flat racks and breakbulk)
- d) **Transloading Destination:** for out of gauge carrier owned flat racks containing FMS cargo for inland movement by truck
- e) **Cargo handling import:** for carrier owned closed containers and in-gauge flat racks containing FMS cargo for inland movement by truck

For port bookings (general, sensitive and hazmat cargo), below accessorial services must be added in the IBS booking:

- a) **Cargo Clearance Import:** for all cargo (Containers, flat racks and breakbulk)
- b) **Cargo Handling Import:** to un-stuff carrier-owned containers and flat racks containing FMS cargo.

**NOTE 1:** Port Arbitrary rate will be applied as necessary

**NOTE 2:** Cargo will not be booked to Iraq via the Port of Aqaba, Jordan.

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