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TO: All USG Prime and Sub-Contractors Working in Iraq
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SUBJECT: Iraqi Immigration Officials at U.S. Military Transportation Hubs in
Iraq – Update

Background: The Joint Sub-Committee for Entry and Exit, charged with implementing Article 14 of the Security Agreement (SA) between the United States and Iraq, is making steady progress in reaching a consensus to place Iraqi immigration officials at U.S. military transportation hubs.

1. The presence of Iraqi immigration officials at U.S. military transportation hubs will ensure that travelers who enter and exit Iraq via a U.S. military transportation hub do not bypass Iraqi immigration. This will impact three groups of travelers: U.S. Forces (as defined by the SA), Chief of Mission personnel, and all others who enter or leave Iraq via U.S. military transportation hubs.
2. U.S. FORCES: The Joint Sub-Committee for Entry and Exit is working with its GoI interlocutors to implement entry and exit controls for U.S. Forces (as defined in the SA).

CHIEF OF MISSION PERSONNEL: U.S. Embassy Baghdad is working with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), and the Department of State is working with interlocutors from the Iraqi Embassy in Washington D.C. to implement entry and exit controls for personnel under Chief of Mission authority.

ALL OTHERS: All entities in Iraq and/or persons entering into, transiting, or departing Iraq are subject to Iraq law and/or Government of Iraq agreements. This means, within the context of the issue of entry and exit, all persons entering Iraq must obtain the proper paperwork that pertains to their specific circumstances for being in Iraq.

3. The Embassy highly recommends that all entities in Iraq determine how Iraqi law and Government of Iraq agreements impact them, including by seeking local legal counsel if deemed necessary or advisable, and work with the Government of Iraq to ensure that your entities and personnel are in compliance with all Iraq laws, polices, procedures, and agreements that are applicable.

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4. The Iraq Embassy in DC's webpage is <http://www.iraqembassy.us/>. The address and telephone number is: 3421 Massachusetts Ave., N.W Washington, D.C. 20007, Tel: (202) 742-1600 Ext. 136. The Residency Offices listed below handle entry and exit issues for their respective regions.

Baghdad	Outside Karada / Near National Theatre	0790-111-0090
Diyala	New Ba'qouba / General Hospital Street	0790-115-3124
Karkouk	Atlas Street	0770-511-5335
Mousil	Near Train Station	0770-170-9819
Salah Al Din	Near Rescue Department	0770-482-7266
Wassit	Near Province Building Muhafatha Bldg.	0780-143-4075
Babel	Babel Neighborhood Near Province Building Muhafatha Bldg.	0780-119-5332
Karbala	Near the Province/Behind The Court of Appeal in Karbala'	0780-110-8758
Al Janaf	Near the Province/ Al Furat Neighborhood	0780-124-2429
Maysan	Near the Province/ Across the Maysan Storage Dept.	0780-284-9259
Thi Qar	Near the AL Husseini Educational Hospital	0780-107-6979
Al Mothanna	Near the Province/ Al Haidariya Street	0780-554-4708
AL Diwaniya	Al Jaza'ir Neighborhood/ Near Al Jaza'ir Police Dept.	0780-101-9906
Al Basra	Al Asha'ar Market / Near the Post Office	0780-102-6995
Al Anbar	Near the Local Council/ Ramadi Juvenile	0790-188-0860

4. For those entities eligible, Mission Policy 27 (below) provides a mechanism for USG prime contractors to obtain entry paper for the personnel. For questions regarding Mission Policy 27, please contact baghdadregmgt@state.gov.



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5. U.S. Embassy Baghdad wishes to emphasize that there is no confirmed date as to when the GoI will post immigration officials at U.S. military transportation hubs, but the issue is moving forward.

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