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Global Market Update Conflict in the Middle East

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1 Conflict in the Middle East

1.1 Middle East Update 23-Jun

As the conflict in the Middle East continues to evolve, we are issuing this update to inform you of the significant impacts on freight transportation and supply chain operations across the region. Our global teams are working diligently to mitigate disruptions and keep you informed as the situation develops.

As of today, we would like to inform you of the following:

1.1.1 Current Operational Impacts

1.1.1.1 *Air Freight*

- Regional airspace over Israel, Iran, Iraq and Jordan remains closed or highly restricted for commercial and cargo flights. These restrictions have persisted since early June following Israeli strikes on Iran and subsequent U.S. action.
- Several regional air carriers have suspended or rerouted flights to/from affected areas, leading to delays and reduced capacity.
- British Airways, Air France-KLM, American Airlines, United and Singapore Airlines have suspended or rerouted flights to hubs such as Dubai, Doha, Riyadh and Bahrain. Many other airlines continue to operate as normal for now. Please see below for full list of carriers and their status.
- With this being an evolving situation, schedules and routings can change at any time without prior notice so please check with your local contact at Pentagon Freight Services should you have any questions.
- Due to limited space and increased demand for rerouted cargo, we expect rates to fluctuate significantly

1.1.1.2 *Sea Freight*

- Services to Haifa, Israel are temporarily reduced, with some shuttle services suspended.
- Port Operations: Operations in some key ports (e.g., Port of Ashdod, Port of Hodeidah) have been suspended or limited. Delays and congestion are expected at transshipment hubs such as Jebel Ali, UAE and Salalah, Oman.
- Sailing through the Strait of Hormuz continues but remains under review, subject to changes depending on developments.
- Overall regional vessel schedules and port calls remain largely uninterrupted.
- With air freight disruptions, demand for sea shipments is increasing—a trend already underway since last year's Red Sea disruptions. Expect fluctuating rates, possible port congestion, emergency surcharges and longer transit times.

1.1.1.3 *Road Freight*

- Border closures and heightened security measures in certain areas may cause delays in cross-border trucking and last-mile delivery.
- Border points used for Israel, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and other states remain open, but we are seeing congestion, slower clearances and intermittent delays.

1.1.1.4 *Customs Clearance*

- Expect possible delays in documentation processing and customs inspections, particularly at impacted border points.
- Dual-use goods (civilian and potential military applications) are facing additional scrutiny, particularly in EU-to-Middle East exports.

1.1.2 *What We're Doing*

- We are closely monitoring the situation and staying in close contact with our supply chain partners to ensure we are being kept up to date with the latest carrier developments.
- We are actively working with our global teams to provide alternative routing solutions.
- Our operations teams are available 24/7 to assist you with planning and contingency options.

1.1.3 Your Next Steps

We recommend you plan, review your upcoming shipping requirements, factor in extended lead times and possible delays for shipments transiting through middle east.

Contact us to discuss options, including alternate routes or transport modes.

Keep your end clients and internal stakeholders informed about potential disruptions.

1.1.3.1 *List of Airlines and Status*

Airline	Status
Air Algeria	No Changes.
Air Astana	Suspended to all sectors until further notice.
Air Canada	Suspended to all sectors until further notice.
Air China	No Changes.
Air India	Suspended BOM/ DEL until Jul 4.
British Airways	Suspended to all sectors until Jun 24.
Cargolux	No Changes.
China Air	No Changes.
Coyne Airways	No Changes.
Egypt Airways	No Changes.
Emirates	No Changes. However, offloads/delays expected due to uplifting extra fuel on flights.
Ethiopian Airways	No Changes.
Etihad	Suspended to TLV, AMM, and BEY until further notice.
Gulf Airways	No Changes.
KLM	Suspended to all the sectors until further notice.
Oman Airways	No Changes.
Qatar Airways	Suspended to Iran, Iraq, and Syria until further notice.
Saudi Airways	Suspended to AMM until Jun 25.
Silkway	Suspended to Iraq and TLV Flights until further notice.
Singapore Airlines	Suspended to SIN from DXB until Jun 25.
Turkish Airlines	No Changes.
United Airlines	Suspended to all sectors until further notice.

1.1.3.2 *Reach Out*

We appreciate your understanding during this volatile period, and we will continue to provide updates as the situation evolves. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact your Pentagon Freight Services representative.

For the latest updates and to discuss potential solutions to mitigate the impact on your shipments, please contact your local Pentagon Freight Services teams:

[Contact Pentagon.](#)