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To whom it may concern,

## **"Swords of Iron" -Israel at war - bulletin number 5** **regarding procedure on October 12<sup>th</sup>**

Please note the actual situation affecting export and import cargo movement on the fifth day of the war.

- **Customs and regulation authorities**

All customs field offices and regulation authorities are operating regularly.

- **Border crossings**

Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> 2023:

- Cargo operations at **Allenby/King Hussein/al-Karama Bridge crossing** is closed. There is, however, a possibility that the cargo terminal will resume operation on Sunday. Details will follow.
- Cargo operations at **Jordan River/Sheikh Hussein Border Crossing**: the cargo terminal will be open from 08:30 to 17:00 for all goods, except cement in bulk as well as other bulk materials.
- **Nitzana Border Crossing** – between Israel and Egypt is closed.
- **Yitzhak Rabin/Arava Crossing** – between Israel and Jordan near Eilat is working.

- **Crossings Administration of the Ministry of Defense serving cargo moving from Israel to the Palestinian Authority.**

The following crossings will be open on October 12<sup>th</sup> 2023 for humanitarian cargo moving from Israel to the Palestinian Authority only, and not for goods moving from the Palestinian Authority to Israel.

**Tarqumiyah Crossing** - southern crossing in Yehuda and Shomron

**Gilboa/Jalama Crossing** - northernmost crossing in Yehuda and Shomron

**Sha'ar Ephraim - Ephraim Gate** - a crossing in the center of the Yehuda and Shomron region

The following lists of goods are only allowed to pass through the crossings (west to east):

- Medical equipment, drugs and medicines.
- Foods including fruits and vegetables.
- Wooden pallets.
- Raw materials for the food packing industries.
- Petrol
- Full list is available in Hebrew.

The crossing administration is studying ways to increase the variety of goods allowed to cross into the Palestinian Authority. Details will follow.

- **Airports**

Ben Gurion International airport (TLV) stays open as foreign airlines cancel flights. Ben Gurion Airport remains open, but the security situation and staff availability could affect flights.

The conflict has caused significant flight disruptions **Major international airlines suspend flights to Israel amid war on Gaza**

Israel's civil aviation authority said airlines should "review current security and threat information" and had changed some air traffic routes. The authority noted that delays should be expected and advised airlines flying to Israel to carry extra fuel as precautionary measure.

El Al is flying between the U.S. and Israel, as well as other destinations. Several airlines, such as Wizz Air, LOT Polish Airlines, Air India, Turkish Airlines, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Egypt Air, Air Canada, Emirates, Air France, Dutch carrier KLM, Germany's Lufthansa, Finland's Finnair, Norwegian Air, Portugal's TAP, and Polish carrier LOT, along with the Lufthansa Group (comprising SWISS, Brussels Airlines, and Austrian Airlines), either cancelled or reduced flights to Tel Aviv's international airport, Ben Gurion Airport. British Airways has suspended its service to and from Tel Aviv, the latest airline to halt Israel service as the war escalates. Other countries like China, Hong Kong, and South Korea cancelled all flights to Tel Aviv.

- **Seaports**

- **The port of Ashdod** is currently operating in "emergency mode" status.
- **Hadarom Container Terminal (HCT)** working daily until 19:00
- **The port of Haifa** which also includes the Haifa Bay port and Israel shipyard port is operating as usual.
- **HaMifratz Port**, Haifa, is operating as usual.

Following an announcement about "special situation in the hinterland" in the geographical area in which Ashdod Port is included, the Ministry of Transportation has directed the port to regulate the entry of vessels according to the hereby procedure:

1. Entry of vessels carrying Hazardous Materials (“HAZMAT”) of any kind into Ashdod Port, is subject to a prior approval of Israel’s Administration of Shipping and Ports.
2. Shipping agents are required to send detailed list of all HAZMAT of any type on vessels scheduled to arrive at the port of Ashdod, 48 hours prior its arrival at the port. The above applies to both container ships and general and bulk cargo ships.

- **General**

**Israeli companies involved along the international supply chain, have upgraded their activities in recent days in order to address the situation and have taken the necessary steps to enable local importers and exporters fulfill their commercial undertakings.**

- The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) have closed main roads near the border with the Gaza Strip.
- Officials have announced that schools will be closed in central and southern Israel on October 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Heightened security measures and disruptions to transport and business will almost certainly continue in central and southern areas of Israel over at least the short term.
- Heightened security is likely at all Israeli ports of entry over the coming days, and the status of border crossings, airports, seaports, roads, and rail services may change on short notice in response to conflict developments. Precautionary measures, such as evacuations, are possible in areas impacted by armed conflict.

Regards

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