

Iraq Entry Ports Matrix: Umm Qasr vs. Land Borders

Sea Ports vs. Ibrahim Khalil (Turkey) & Shalamcheh/Zurbatiyah (Iran) Transit Comparative Matrix

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1. Entry Port Comparative Matrix: Clearance Time & Demurrage Rates

Operational comparison across primary sea berths and strategic land border terminals under 2026 ASYCUDA protocols:

Port / Border Crossing	Primary Origin	Avg. Clearance Time	Daily Demurrage / Storage	Best Suited For
Umm Qasr Port (North)	EU, Asia, Americas	4 – 7 Days	\$80 – \$150 / TEU / Day	Heavy machinery, containerized oilfield equipment, project cargo.
Umm Qasr Port (South)	GCC, Asia Bulk	5 – 9 Days	\$75 – \$140 / TEU / Day	Bulk commodities, raw materials, steel products, industrial liquids.
Ibrahim Khalil (Turkey Land)	Turkey, EU Overland	2 – 4 Days	\$50 – \$90 / Truck / Day	High-value electronics, fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG), textiles.
Shalamcheh (Iran Land - South)	Iran, Central Asia	1 – 3 Days	\$30 – \$60 / Truck / Day	Construction materials, agricultural products, local industrial feeds.
Zurbatiyah (Iran Land - Central)	Iran Overland (Baghdad Corridor)	2 – 3 Days	\$35 – \$65 / Truck / Day	Direct supply to Baghdad industrial zones, chemicals, packaging goods.

2. KRG & Federal Iraq Inter-Border Transit Guidelines (2026 Harmonization)

Following the 2026 Customs Integration Framework between Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) and Federal Government of Iraq (Baghdad), trucks moving from northern entry points

(e.g., Ibrahim Khalil, Parvizkhan) to central/southern provinces must adhere to the following unified checkpoints rules:

 Unified ASYCUDA Clearance Receipt

Duty paid at KRG entry borders is recognized at internal federal checkpoints (e.g., Kirkuk, Mosul corridors) *only* if processed via the unified ASYCUDA World platform with a verified digital QR code.

 Differential Duty Adjustments

If a product category carries a higher protective tariff rate under Federal Law than KRG local rates, the differential customs duty must be paid electronically at the inter-provincial checkpoint before proceeding south.

 Mandatory Bilingual Labeling & IQS

Goods moving to Baghdad or Basra must feature Arabic language packaging or labels and carry an official Pre-Shipment Inspection (PSI) certificate issued by an accredited global testing body.

3. Authorized PSI Inspection Companies Directory (IQS Compliance)

Official contact details of COSQC-accredited inspection agencies handling pre-shipment certificates across major entry zones:

Inspection Body	Assigned Ports & Regions	Email Contact	Official Phone / Helpdesk
SGS Gulf Ltd.	Umm Qasr North & South Ports, Middle East Operations	iraq.psi@sgs.com	+964 780 192 8800
Cotecna Inspection S.A.	Ibrahim Khalil, Northern Border Terminals & Turkey Transit	info.iraq@cotecna.com	+964 770 245 1122
CCIC Inspection Co.	Shalamcheh, Zurbatiyah & Eastern Land Borders	iraq.cert@ccic.com	+964 781 500 3344