



Situation Update: Logistics into Abu Dhabi

IAAPA Expo Middle East 2027 | ADNEC Centre Abu Dhabi | 13th - 15th April 2027

An overview of current Gulf logistics conditions, the recommended routes into Abu Dhabi, and the timelines exhibitors should plan around for IAAPA Expo Middle East 2027 while the Strait of Hormuz remains closed.

Shipping Advice Documentation

Our show logistics tariff and shipping instructions can be accessed by contacting DSV Fairs & Events — please see contact details mentioned.



Important show deadlines

Cargo Arrival Deadlines:



Sea freight

Arrival deadline at Jebel Ali / Abu Dhabi Port (via Khor Fakkan / Fujairah):

29th March 2027



Airfreight

Arrival deadline at Abu Dhabi / Dubai airport:

1st April 2027



Road freight

Arrival deadline at UAE border:

5th April 2027



Please note: - The shipping timeline mentioned below are estimates and are provided for reference only. Kindly contact DSV office to confirm the applicable shipping deadlines and to plan the dispatch of goods from your country of origin accordingly.



For IAAPA Expo Middle East 2027 / 13th–15th April 2027 — Sea Freight Shipping Schedule:

Origin	Destination	Arrival Deadline in UAE	Shipping Timeline from Origin
Europe	Jebel Ali / Abu Dhabi (via Khor Fakkan / Fujairah)	29 th March 2027	44 to 52 Days
Far East	Jebel Ali / Abu Dhabi (via Khor Fakkan / Fujairah)	29 th March 2027	30 to 36 Days
Americas	Jebel Ali / Abu Dhabi (via Khor Fakkan / Fujairah)	29 th March 2027	44 to 56 Days



For IAAPA Expo Middle East 2027 / 13th–15th April 2027 — Air Freight Shipping Schedule:

Origin	Destination	Arrival Deadline in UAE	Shipping Timeline from Origin
All Origins	AUH / DXB / DWC	1 st April 2027	5 to 10 Days



Regulatory milestones

Document deadlines:

RESTRICTED CARGO

90 days before shipping

Contact DSV at least 90 days before shipping any restricted or regulated commodity — DG, lithium batteries, medical equipment, food or cosmetics.

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Shipping Options — What Suits Your Cargo

Three ways to move exhibit cargo to ADNEC Centre Abu Dhabi. Choose based on origin, cargo type, and time available.



Sea Freight

For large or heavy cargo

- **Best for**
Bulky stands, machinery, palletised goods, non-perishables, multi-container shipments
- **Transit (estimated)**
Europe 44–52 days · Far East 30–36 days · Americas 44–56 days
- **Cost**
Most cost-efficient per kg / m³
- **Arrive at Jebel Ali / Abu Dhabi**
Arrival deadline — by 29th Mar 2027
- **Pre-alert docs to DSV**
7 days before vessel arrival



Air Freight

For time-critical cargo

- **Best for**
Time-sensitive shipments, high-value equipment, instruments, samples, late bookings
- **Transit (estimated)**
All origins 5–10 days
- **Cost**
Higher per kg, but faster and more reliable
- **Arrive at Abu Dhabi / Dubai airport**
Arrival deadline — by 1st April 2027
- **Pre-alert docs to DSV**
3 days before flight arrival



Road Freight

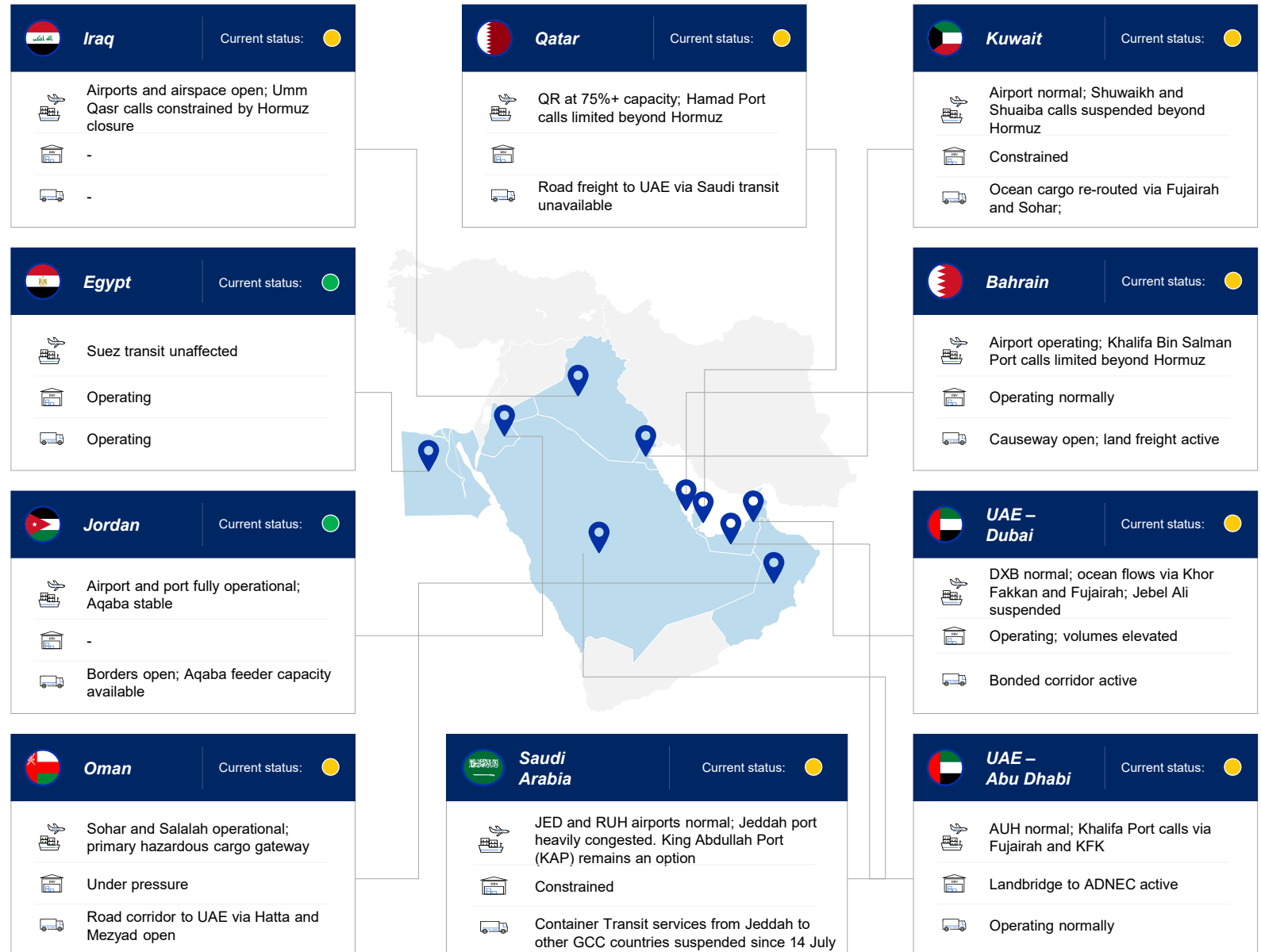
For regional cargo

- **Best for**
Oman and GCC-origin cargo, east coast port landbridge, local delivery to ADNEC
- **Transit (estimated)**
Oman and GCC origins 3–7 days
- **Cost**
Competitive for regional lanes
- **Arrive at UAE border**
Arrival deadline — by 5th Apr 2027
- **Pre-alert docs to DSV**
7 days before vehicle arrival

Middle East country-wise status



● Red – Operations largely suspended
 ● Amber – Operating with constraints
 ● Green – Operating



Current Status: United Arab Emirates (as at July 2026)

The Strait of Hormuz — the most critical sea route serving the Gulf

Fully closed to commercial shipping.



01 Ocean

- ✓ Khor Fakkan and Fujairah operational; booking windows planned accordingly.
- ✓ Strait of Hormuz fully closed; US blockade announced 14 July. Direct calls at Jebel Ali and Khalifa Port are not viable.
- ✓ 5-node Business Continuity Plan routing (Khor Fakkan, Fujairah, Sohar, Salalah, Jebel Ali) is now the structural operating model.
- ✓ War risk surcharges approx. \$2,000+/TEU.

02 Air

- ✓ Abu Dhabi and Dubai airports fully operational;
- ✓ Etihad (EY) and Emirates (EK) maintaining freighter capacity into AUH and DXB
- ✓ Major carriers at 75%+ capacity: EK, EY and QR all scaled up; Qatar Airways has 120+ destinations restored
- ✓ Strong carrier coverage into the UAE: EK, EY, QR, TK, ET all flying.

03 Road

- ✓ Business Continuity Plan road corridors via Fujairah, Khor Fakkan and Sohar (Oman) fully active.
- ✓ Khor Fakkan-to-Abu Dhabi simplified customs truck corridor operational.
- ✓ Hatta and Mezyad borders with Oman open — monitored daily; Saudi container transit unavailable
- ✓ Cross-border Business Continuity Plan volumes high; diesel surcharges remain elevated.

AUH: Abu Dhabi · DXB: Dubai · KFK: Khor Fakkan · FJR: Fujairah · EK: Emirates · EY: Etihad · QR: Qatar · TK: Turkish · ET: Ethiopian · BCP: Business Continuity Plan · TEU: Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit

Transit Time Reality — Before vs Now

Realistic timelines for cargo bound for the UAE, by lane, with a recommended planning buffer.



United Arab Emirates



INTO THE UAE

Europe → UAE (via Khor Fakkan) by sea



Far East → UAE by sea



Air freight — all origins



Recommended planning buffer on top of current timelines

+10 to 14 days

Your DSV Team — Points of Contact

One dedicated DSV team will support IAAPA Expo Middle East 2027 at ADNEC Centre Abu Dhabi.



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Exhibitors are strongly advised to contact DSV without delay to confirm routing, capacity, and lead-time planning. For detailed shipping guidelines, please refer to the official DSV shipping manual.