

## UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL SANCTIONS AGAINST HAITI

On the 10 June, 1993 the United Nations Security Council adopted Resolution 841(1993) imposing sanctions on Haiti. The provisions of paragraphs 5 to 14 of this resolution came into force at 00.01 EST on 23 June, 1990. Paragraphs 5 and 6 which are of particular interest in respect of Maltese ships are being reproduced as follows:

Extract from United Nations Security Council Resolution 841(1993):

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5. *Decides that all States shall prevent the sale or supply, by their nationals or from their territories or using their flag vessels or aircraft, of petroleum or petroleum products or arms and related material of all types, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, police equipment and spare parts for the aforementioned, whether or not originating in their territories, to any person or body in Haiti or to any person or body for the purpose of any business carried on in or operated from Haiti or to any by their nationals or in their territories which promote or are calculated to promote such sale or supply;*
6. *Decides to prohibit and all traffic from entering the territory or territorial sea of Haiti carrying petroleum or petroleum products, or arms and related material of all types, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, police equipment and spare parts for the aforementioned, violation of paragraph 5 above;*
7. *Decides that the Committee established by paragraph 10 below may authorise on an exceptional case-by-case basis under a no-objection procedure the importation, in non-commercial quantities and only in barrels or bottles, of petroleum or petroleum products, including propane gas for cooking, for verified essential humanitarian needs, subject to acceptable arrangements for effective monitoring of delivery and use;*

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Malta is bound to observe these sanctions, and violations thereto will be viewed very seriously. Furthermore, the use of Maltese ships in any such violation may be considered as being against the interest of Malta and of marine shipping and may lead, inter alia, to closure of registry.

Finally, any requests for consideration in lieu of paragraph 7 of the Resolution are to be forwarded to this Directorate so that the necessary clearance may be sought from the appropriate authorities.

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