



**Ban on the shipment of equipment related to
military activities in Ivory Coast**

Merchant Shipping Notice No 65

*Notice to Shipowners, Ship Operators and Managers,
Owners' representatives and Masters, and Officers*

In the context of the current situation in Ivory Coast, the Security Council of the United Nations adopted on 15 November 2004 Resolution 1572(2004) concerning certain restrictive measures in respect of Ivory Coast.

Inter alia, the Resolution prohibits, until 15 December 2005, the supply, sale or transfer of arms or any related material, as well as the provision of any assistance related to military activities. Furthermore, Paragraph 8 of the Resolution provides for a number of exceptions with regards to Paragraph 7.

Extract from United Nations Council Resolution 1572(2004)

“7. Decides that all States shall, for a period of thirteen months from the date of adoption of this resolution, take the necessary measures to prevent the direct or indirect supply, sale or transfer to Cote d'Ivoire, from their territories or by their nationals, or using their flag vessels or aircraft, or arms or any related material, in particular military aircraft and equipment, whether or not originating in their territories, as well as the provision of any assistance, advice or training related to military activities;

8. Decides that the measures imposed by paragraph 7 shall not apply to:

- (a) supplies and technical assistance intended solely for the support of or use by UNOCI and the French forces who support them,*
- (b) supplies of non-lethal military equipment intended solely for humanitarian or protective use, and related technical assistance and training, as approved in advance by the Committee established by paragraph 14 below,*
- (c) supplies of protective clothing, including flack jackets and military helmets, temporarily exported to Cote d'Ivoire by United Nations personnel, representatives of the media and humanitarian and development workers and associated personnel, for their personal use only,*
- (d) supplies temporarily exported to Cote d'Ivoire to the forces of a State which is taking action, in accordance with international law, solely and directly to facilitate the evacuation of its nationals and those for whom it has consular responsibility in Cote d'Ivoire, as notified in advance to the Committee established by paragraph 14 below,*
- (e) supplies of arms and related material and technical training and assistance intended solely for support of or use in the process of restructuring defence and security forces pursuant to paragraph 3, subparagraph (f) of the Linas-Marcoussis Agreement, as approved in advance by the Committee established by paragraph 14 below.”*

The Maltese Government has aligned itself with this Resolution, through the publication of Legal Notice 38 of 2005 of the 4 February 2005. The electronic version of this Legal Notice which includes the full text of resolution 1572(2004) can be downloaded from: <http://www.doi.gov.mt/EN/legalnotices/2005/02/LN38.pdf>.

To this effect, companies established in Malta or operating Maltese ships are urged to take into consideration these sanctions when planning their operations and, to extend their full cooperation for their enforcement.

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