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THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND TO
THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to communicate to him, in response to his note dated 3 June 1992, those measures undertaken by the United Kingdom to implement Security Council resolution 757 (1992). Current United Kingdom laws and regulations already met the obligations and requirements of resolutions 713 (1991) and 724 (1991) as regards the general and complete embargo on all deliveries of weapons and military equipment to the territory of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

On 31 May 1992, the following interim measures were made:

(a) The Control of Gold, Securities, Payments and Credits (Yugoslavia) Order (1992) gave effect to the requirement to freeze assets.

(b) The Export of Goods (Control) (Serbia and Montenegro Sanctions) Order (1992) prohibited the export of all goods to Serbia or Montenegro without an export licence granted by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry. Similar provisions were made for imports by an amendment to the Open General Import Licence (1987).

On 4 June 1992 these interim measures were superseded by five Orders in Council made under the United Nations Act 1946 to cover all the provisions of resolution 757 (1992). These came into effect on 5 June 1992. The Orders are as follows:

(a) The Serbia and Montenegro (United Nations Sanctions) Order 1992: SI No. 1302 (4 June 1992)

This applies to the United Kingdom and the Isle of Man and prohibits the following:

- (i) The export of goods to Serbia or Montenegro and the supply of goods to persons connected with Serbia or Montenegro, and related activities;
- (ii) Imports of goods originating in Serbia and Montenegro, dealings with and processing of such imports, and related activities;
- (iii) Carriage of goods by ship or aircraft to or from Serbia or Montenegro;
- (iv) Servicing and insurance of Serbian or Montenegrin aircraft;
- (v) Making payments or otherwise making available financial or economic resources to or for the benefit of persons connected with Serbia or Montenegro;
- (vi) Making payments to, or to the order of, persons connected with Serbia or Montenegro under bonds given in respect of contracts affected by the Order and making claims or payments under related indemnities.

(b) The Serbia and Montenegro (United Nations Sanctions) (Channel Islands) Order 1992: SI No. 1308 (4 June 1992)

This makes provisions for the Channel Islands equivalent to those detailed above.

(c) The Serbia and Montenegro (United Nations Prohibition of Flights) Order 1992: SI No. 1304 (4 June 1992)

This prohibits aircraft from taking off from, landing in, or overflying the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man if they are destined for, or have taken off from, Serbia or Montenegro.

(d) The Serbia and Montenegro (United Nations Prohibition of Flights) (Dependent Territories) Order 1992: SI No. 1305 (4 June 1992)

This makes provisions for the dependent territories equivalent to those above.

The prohibitions in the Orders apply to anyone within British territory and British nationals and companies abroad.

The Orders include powers to license activities which would otherwise be prohibited e.g., to allow the export of food and medical supplies to Serbia and Montenegro where permissible under resolution 757 (1992). The Orders provide for criminal sanctions in the form of imprisonment or fines. Responsibility for enforcement of the new legislation will fall largely to the Department of Trade and Industry, HM Customs and Excise and the Bank of England.

In addition, on 1 June 1992, the European Community and its member States adopted Council regulation (EEC) No. 1432/92 and decision 92/285/ECSC. These prohibit trade on matters pertaining to the Treaties of Rome and Paris between, respectively, the European Economic Community and the Republics of Serbia and Montenegro and the European Coal and Steel Community and the Republics of Serbia and Montenegro.

