

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Bureau of Politico-Military Affairs

(Public Notice 14961)

Suspension of Munitions Export Licenses to Haiti

AGENCY: Department of State

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that all licenses and approvals to export or otherwise transfer defense articles and defense services to Haiti, including those for use by the police, pursuant to section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act are suspended until further notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 3, 1991.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 30, 1991, a coup occurred in Haiti ousting the democratically elected President, Fr. Jean-Bertrand Aristide. On October 3, the Organization of American States (OAS) adopted a Resolution calling for the suspension of all "military, police, or security assistance of any kind and to prevent the delivery of arms, munitions or equipment to that country in any manner, public or private." The OAS also encouraged other states to follow suit.

Consistent with the provisions of the OAS Resolution which took effect immediately, it is the policy of the U.S. Government to deny all applications for licenses and other approvals to export or otherwise transfer defense articles and services to Haiti, including those for use by the police, until further notice. In addition, U.S. manufacturers and any other affected parties are hereby notified that the Department of State has suspended all previously issued licenses and approvals authorizing the export of or other transfers of defense articles or services, as well as those for use by the police, to Haiti. On September 30, 1991, Foreign Military Financing (FMF) and International Military Education and Training (IMET) funds to Haiti were also suspended until further notice.

The licenses and approvals that have been suspended include manufacturing licenses, technical assistance agreements, technical data, and commercial military exports of any kind subject to the Arms Export Control Act involving Haiti. This action also precludes the use in connection with Haiti of any exemptions from licensing or other approval requirements included in the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) (22 CFR parts 120-130) until further notice.

In accordance with established policy and procedures, exceptions to this policy will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

This action has been taken pursuant to sections 38 and 42 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 US C 2778, 2791) and section 1267 of the ITAR in furtherance of the foreign policy of the United States.

Dated: October 3, 1991

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