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SHIPMENTS OF FOODSTUFFS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR IRAQ

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced today that, in accordance with a decision by the Sanctions Committee of the United Nations Security Council, shipments of foodstuffs and medical supplies to Iraq will be considered, effective today, under Canada's federal export controls.

Pursuant to Section 9 of the *United Nations Iraq Regulations*, the Minister has issued General Certificate No. 4, authorizing any person in Canada and any Canadian outside Canada to *donate* foodstuffs and medical supplies to Iraq.

This General Certificate is issued pursuant to the decision of March 22, 1991, of the Committee of the Security Council established by Resolution 661 (1990), whereby the Committee made a general determination that humanitarian circumstances apply with respect to the entire civilian population of Iraq in all parts of Iraq's national territory.

Anyone intending to rely on General Certificate No. 4 must send a prior notification, in writing, to the Export Controls Division (ESE) of External Affairs and International Trade Canada, stating the contents and value of the goods, the routing and means of transport and the dates of shipment.

This general certificate does not govern sales of food and medical supplies to Iraq. Proposals for *commercial sales* of medical supplies and foodstuffs to Iraq will be considered on a case-by-case basis.