

The action under the Export and Import Permits Act in line with the draft Security Council Resolution of January 10 and the actions of like-minded countries, provides that export permits will normally be denied except for the shipment of food, medicine, medical supplies, other humanitarian goods and certain personal items. Export permit applications for any shipments to Iran will need to be made to the Office of Special Import Policy of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

The Government will be closely following developments in the hostage crisis in the hope that the election of a new Parliament and the appointment of a new Government in Iran will facilitate the release of the hostages. Once the hostages are released, the Government will act to remove the restrictions imposed by the measures in the legislation and by the implementation of export controls against Iran.