

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO
THE LIBERIA (RESTRICTIVE MEASURES) (OVERSEAS TERRITORIES)
(AMENDMENT) ORDER 2007

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1. This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

2. Description

This instrument removes the prohibition on imports of round logs and timber products from Liberia contained in Article 7 of the Liberia (Restrictive Measures) (Overseas Territories) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/347) (“the 2004 Order”). The Order also makes consequential changes to the penalties provisions in Article 17(1) and Schedule 2 of the 2004 Order flowing from the removal of the prohibition.

3. Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

None.

4. Legislative background

- 4.1 The removal by the European Community under Article 1 of Council Regulation (EC) No.1819/2006 of 11 December of the existing prohibition on imports of all round logs and timber products from Liberia is reflected in the Overseas Territories listed in Schedule 1 of the 2004 Order through this instrument. Gibraltar and the Crown Dependencies will remove the prohibition separately.
- 4.2 The prohibition was introduced by the European Union by Article 4 of Council Common Position 2004/137 CFSP and Article 6(2) of Council Regulation (EC) No. 234/2004 of 10 February 2004, which gave effect to paragraph 10 of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1521(2003).
- 4.3 The United Nations Security Council under Resolution 1689(2006) adopted on the 20th of June 2006 decided to lift the prohibition on the import of all round logs and timber products originating in Liberia. On 20 October 2006, following the adoption by the Liberian Government of new forestry legislation, the Security Council confirmed its intention not to reinstate the prohibition.
- 4.4. This instrument applies to the territories listed in paragraph 5 below.
- 4.4 This Order is made using powers in the Saint Helena Act 1833, the British Settlements Acts 1887 and 1945 and prerogative powers.
- 4.5 S.I.2004/347 has been amended once previously by the Liberia (Restrictive Measures) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 2004. The previous

amendment did not relate to the prohibition on round logs and timber products, which is being removed under the current Order.

5 Extent

This instrument applies to the following territories as listed in Schedule 1 of the 2004 Order: Anguilla, British Antarctic Territory, British Indian Ocean Territory, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Montserrat, Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands, St. Helena and Dependencies, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, The Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia in the Island of Cyprus, Turks and Caicos Islands and the Virgin Islands. All the territories were consulted.

6 European Convention on Human Rights

As the instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.

7 Policy Background

This instrument gives effect within the Overseas Territories to the lifting of the prohibition on imports of round logs and timber products from Liberia.

8 Impact

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this Order as it has no impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies.

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