

Criterion 2

[Redacted]

Criterion 3

[Redacted]

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | British High Commission | Torrens Close, Maitama, Abuja, Nigeria | [Redacted] Website:
www.gov.uk/government/world/nigeria

From: [Redacted]

Sent: 16 July 2014 12:52

To: [Redacted]

Subject: FW: MV Horten - export to Nigeria OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

Importance: High

[Redacted]

We spoke, can you discuss at post and consider the risks under criterion 2 and 3 and let me have posts considered opinion by early next week.

Many thanks

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Africa Directorate | Foreign and Commonwealth Office | King Charles Street | London SW1A 2AH
| Room E.G.02

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 15 July 2014 17:08
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: MV Horten - export to Nigeria OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE
Importance: High

[Redacted]

Thanks again for your time this afternoon.

As discussed, the licence application for the export of an ex-Norwegian naval vessel was approved by AEPT without consultation with Desk and Post. The licence has been issued by BIS, but the vessel remains in port owing to yet-to-be resolved issues between the exporter and the Maritime and Coastguard Agency. You and Post have subsequently raised concerns and asked what our options are in terms of mitigating risk should the ship subsequently sail.

We would be grateful if you could discuss the case in more detail with Post. We need you to assess the risks against the Consolidated EU and National Criteria. I've attached my original assessment for ease of reference. You will see that I focussed on Criterion 2 (internal repression), but you have told us that there may be Criterion 3 (internal stability) issues that were not fully considered. Please let me know the outcome of your discussions with Post, whereupon we can take one of two courses of action, as follows:

[Redacted]

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Many thanks

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Arms Export Policy Team | Foreign and Commonwealth Office

✉ email: [Redacted] 🌐 url: www.fco.gov.uk

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[Redacted]

Apologies for the delay in sending the attached defensive lines. I'd appreciate it if you could add any relevant standard press lines, and let me know if you're satisfied with what we've drafted, whereupon I'll forward it to our and BIS's press offices for clearance (BIS will want to comment on the last set of lines, which we'd intend for use only as a very last resort).

I'm chasing the MCA for an update on the vessel's status (i.e. whether it's still in port, and when it might be ready to move). Once I have that, and if you think it's necessary, I can prepare a note for [Redacted]

Kind regards

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]

Sent: 16 July 2014 16:50

To: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: MV Horten - export to Nigeria OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

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Hi [Redacted]

Great, let's discuss tomorrow morning.

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]

Sent: 16 July 2014 16:13

To: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: MV Horten - export to Nigeria OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

[Redacted]

I'm heading home now, but will be logging on this evening. If I haven't heard back from [Redacted] by the close of play, I'll speak with him tomorrow and see what's happened.

I plan to be in the office again tomorrow – will catch up then.

Have a good evening

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]

Sent: 16 July 2014 10:28

To: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: MV Horten - export to Nigeria OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

Duly noted!

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 16 July 2014 10:19
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: MV Horten - export to Nigeria OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

Next time, a good idea to cc Post in as well as me. It keeps you in the position of leading the issue rather than handing the reigns over to desk and being in the dark about what then happens. Everything on one chain, originating from you is the ideal process!

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 16 July 2014 10:16
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: MV Horten - export to Nigeria OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE
Importance: High

[Redacted]

As requested.

[Redacted]

I'm unsighted on if they have started this Security Service or obtained [Redacted]

I have though attached an e mail which details the establishment of a task force to tackle issues of maritime insecurity by [Redacted] - again run by an ex MEND senior official. [Redacted] in Abuja may be able to offer more background to the situation there.

[Redacted] | Room EGO13| Foreign and Commonwealth Office | King Charles Street | London SW1A 2AH | [Redacted] : url: www.fco.gov.uk

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 29 August 2014 17:12
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: [Redacted] OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

Thanks [Redacted] Do you know whether they've purchased any other vessels and actually started operating a security service?

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Security Policy Department | Room 3/130B | Foreign and Commonwealth Office | Old Admiralty Building | London SW1A 2AH | [Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 29 August 2014 14:59
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: [Redacted] OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

[Redacted]

We have been monitoring the situation along with [Redacted] AEPD – he's leading on the ELA and the movement of this ship.

[Redacted] | Room EGO13| Foreign and Commonwealth Office | King Charles Street | London SW1A 2AH | [Redacted] : url: www.fco.gov.uk

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 28 August 2014 11:44
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: [Redacted] OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

With [Redacted] cc'd...

[Redacted] | Africa Directorate | Foreign and Commonwealth Office | King Charles Street | London SW1A 2AH
|

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 28 August 2014 11:43
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: [Redacted] OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

[Redacted]

Very aware of this... [Redacted] (cc'd) been handling it for us. [Redacted] – you ok to respond to [Redacted] email?

Thanks

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Africa Directorate | Foreign and Commonwealth Office | King Charles Street | London SW1A 2AH
|

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 28 August 2014 11:42
To: [Redacted]
Subject: [Redacted] OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

[Redacted],

[Redacted]

Thanks,

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Security Policy Department | Room 3/130B | Foreign and Commonwealth Office |
Old Admiralty Building | London SW1A 2AH | [Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 26 June 2014 13:39
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Dagbladet, Oslo: [Redacted] OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

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Cheers, [Redacted]. Appreciate your help.

[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 26 June 2014 13:37
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Dagbladet, Oslo: [Redacted] OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

Hi [Redacted],

I am due to speak to my counterpart at BIS later on today, I'll bring this up with her and see where we get to.

Cheers

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | [Redacted] | www.gov.uk If an email reply is overdue please telephone the above number.

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From: [Redacted]

Sent: 26 June 2014 13:32

To: [Redacted]

Subject: FW: Dagbladet, Oslo: [Redacted] OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

Importance: High

Hi, [Redacted]

Hope all is well.

Oslo are, it seems, still being chased for details on this case. As you saw at the end of last week, I sent some suggested lines to BIS, [Redacted] and MCA. BIS [Redacted] suggested that we simply deploy the following:

- [Redacted]
- [Redacted] is currently in the UK and is the subject of an export licence application. That application will be assessed in the usual way against the Consolidated EU and National Export Licensing Criteria taking into Account all the relevant facts and circumstances of the case.

We haven't had any suggestions from MCA.

In terms of the above, I'd be wary of providing the second line as it provides a chance for the journalists to ask [Redacted] (I haven't been given an answer on that).

[Redacted]

Not sure where that leaves us in terms of lines for [Redacted] in Oslo. If you can liaise further with [Redacted], BIS and MCA, that would be appreciated.

Sorry to dump this on you. Happy to discuss further [Redacted]

[Redacted] I Arms Export Policy Team I Foreign and Commonwealth Office

F [Redacted] url: www.fco.gov.uk

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 26 June 2014 13:03
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Dagbladet, Oslo: [Redacted]

[Redacted], grateful if you could reply to [Redacted]. Thanks, [Redacted]

[Redacted] | Arms Export Policy Department | Directorate for Defence and
International Security | Room OAB 3/129 | Foreign and Commonwealth Office | Old
Admiralty Building | London SW1A 2AH [Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 26 June 2014 11:38
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Dagbladet, Oslo: [Redacted]

Dagbladet sent me a new email chasing for a response or for me to put him in touch with someone else.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]
| [Redacted] | Embassy website | FCO website | Follow us on Facebook
Nordic Baltic Network: Local contact, regional impact

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 20 June 2014 15:53
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Dagbladet, Oslo: [Redacted]

Thanks [Redacted]. If they come back to you pressing for something more, let me know. I've discussed with [Redacted] and it's not really an FCO issue, so I'll try and get BIS/[Redacted]/MCA to take the lead.

[Redacted] | [Redacted] | Media Office | Room W.G.6 | Foreign and Commonwealth
Office | London SW1A 2AH |
Email: [Redacted] | www.gov.uk
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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 20 June 2014 14:48
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: Dagbladet, Oslo: [Redacted]

Thanks. We will use this holding line if they are in touch again.

[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]

Sent: 20 June 2014 15:10

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: Dagbladet, Oslo: [Redacted]

Thanks [Redacted].

I think we can lose the last sentence, and just go with:

"we are aware of this issue. We are in touch with the Norwegian authorities."

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Media Office | Room W.G.6 | Foreign and Commonwealth Office

| London SW1A 2AH |

[Redacted] | www.gov.uk

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From: [Redacted]

Sent: 20 June 2014 14:06

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: Dagbladet, Oslo: [Redacted]

[Redacted],

in terms of what we tell the Norwegian media, we are in touch with BIS, MCA and [Redacted] to agree some holding press lines. For the moment and if they press for a response I suggest saying something like "we are aware of this issue. We are in touch with the Norwegian authorities. No further comment at this stage".

[Redacted]

[Redacted] (MV Horten) in a UK port for which an export licence has been submitted, by the same company. BIS are handling in the normal way for an export licence to Nigeria.

[Redacted] is following up with BIS etc and will update in due course with substantive agreed press lines.

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Arms Export Policy Department | Directorate for Defence and International Security | Room OAB 3/129 | Foreign and Commonwealth Office | Old Admiralty Building | London SW1A 2AH | [Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 20 June 2014 13:43
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Dagbladet, Oslo: [Redacted]

[Redacted],

Is there any update? Summary of today's and yesterday's coverage below.

[Redacted]

20.06: Dagbladet reports today that one of the conditions for Norway [Redacted] the KNM Horten [Redacted] This never happened. [Redacted], says Mike Douglas with the British Maritime & Coastguard Agency, [Redacted]. The Defence Logistics Organisation (FLO), which was responsible for conducting the sale, had informed both the MFA and Dagbladet that [Redacted] The MFA declines to comment on this latest information. (DB p4)

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | [Redacted] | British Embassy Oslo | Thomas Heftyes Gate 8, 0244 Oslo, Norway
Email: [Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 17 June 2014 18:17
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Dagbladet, Oslo: [Redacted]

[Redacted]

He will have to wait. I asked him for his deadline and he said just ASAP - the story will run again tomorrow and keep running: they are chasing it because the new Labour party leader was Foreign Minister in 2012 when the sale took place. "The British embassy did not comment" might be the most sensible outcome. If we do want to provide a line later, Dagbladet will no doubt welcome the opportunity to run another article. I will update tomorrow if there is anything new.

[Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 17 June 2014 17:56

To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Dagbladet, Oslo: [Redacted]

Thanks [Redacted].

[Redacted] - we're just trying to work out where this sits (see [Redacted] email below). Are we ok to respond to the journalist tomorrow?

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Media Office | Room W.G.6 | Foreign and Commonwealth Office
| London SW1A 2AH |
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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 17 June 2014 16:37
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Dagbladet, Oslo: [Redacted]

[Redacted],

[Redacted]

Can you park it for the moment or do you need to respond today?

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Arms Export Policy Department | Directorate for Defence and
International Security | Room OAB 3/129 | Foreign and Commonwealth Office | Old
Admiralty Building | London SW1A 2AH | [Redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 17 June 2014 16:02
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Dagbladet, Oslo: [Redacted]

Thanks [Redacted].

[Redacted] - more than happy to push this [Redacted] direction, if that's where it should sit...

[Redacted]

[Redacted] Media Office | Room W.G.6 | Foreign and Commonwealth Office
| London SW1A 2AH |
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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 17 June 2014 15:13
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Dagbladet, Oslo: [Redacted]

[Redacted] - you were dealing with this issue this morning after contact from
the Norwegians. [Redacted]. Could you give chapter and verse to [Redacted].
Ta.

[Redacted] | Arms Export Policy Department | Directorate for Defence and
International Security | Room OAB 3/143 |
[Redacted]
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-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 17 June 2014 15:08
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Dagbladet, Oslo: [Redacted]

[Redacted],

In [Redacted] absence.

Cheers

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Media Office | Room W.G.6 | Foreign and Commonwealth Office
| London SW1A 2AH |
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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 17 June 2014 15:07
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Dagbladet, Oslo: [Redacted]

Hi [Redacted],

To see the enquiry we've had below. I'd welcome your views, although I'm not sure there is very much we would want to say, as it doesn't appear that this has ever gone through our system (being a Norwegian sale). Is this something you could look into to see if any of this ever crossed our books?

Cheers

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | [Redacted] Media Office | Room W.G.6 | Foreign and Commonwealth Office | London SW1A 2AH |

Email: [Redacted] | www.gov.uk

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From: [Redacted]

Sent: 17 June 2014 12:58

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: FW: Dagbladet, Oslo: [Redacted]

Hi [Redacted]

Grateful for your thoughts on how to respond to questions raised by Norwegian newspaper.

Thanks,

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Newsdesk | FCO Media Office

Email: newsdesk@fco.gov.uk | Tel: [Redacted] | | Website: www.gov.uk/fco

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted]

Sent: 17 June 2014 09:29

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: Dagbladet, Oslo: [Redacted]

Good morning Newsdesk

Norwegian newspaper Dagbladet (journalist [Redacted]) is looking for a comment from the British government in response to a story they have published:

[Redacted]

"Støre places responsibility with British government"

<http://www.dagbladet.no/2014/06/17/nyheter/forsvaret/innenriks/utenriks/sikkerhetspolitikk/33874806/>

Background: Jonas Gahr Støre was elected leader of the Labour Party (in opposition) at the weekend. Journalist [Redacted] said on phone "Støre is trying to say this is the British authorities responsibility, something which is obviously isn't. We just want to get a response from you."

I said we would look at the stories and get back to him.

Any advice please?

I am not at my desk much of the day (QBP preparations) - you can reach my on my mobile [Redacted] or alternatively (preferably) contact [Redacted]

Kind regards
[Redacted]

[Redacted]

> From: [Redacted]
> Sent: 2014-06-16 17:19:00 CEST
> To: [Redacted]
> Subject: From journalist in Dagbladet, Oslo
>
> I need to get in touch with press officer/spokesperson as soon as possible regarding on going story.
>
> With best regards, [Redacted], Dagbladet [Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 24 June 2014 10:21
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Nigeria case [Redacted] OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE
Importance: High

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Morning, [Redacted]

Hope all is well.

I've got a case for Nigeria ([Redacted]), for the export of an ex-Norwegian Navy vessel which is to be used by the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency. I've attached what I've written so far as background. Couple of questions:

- Do we currently have any C2 concerns for the Nigerian Navy? I've also attached a recommendation that [Redacted] penned last year – are there any updates to her C2 assessment that we need to be aware of?
- [Redacted]

Let me know if you want to be added to this case on Spire. Otherwise, I'll add your comments to the recommendation. Sorry – the clock is ticking (there have been some other issues with this case!), so if you can get back to me either today or tomorrow, that would be great!

All the best

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Arms Export Policy Team | Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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From: [Redacted]

Sent: 24 June 2014 14:57

To: [Redacted]

Subject: FW: Nigeria case [Redacted] OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

Importance: High

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[Redacted]

This has been an interesting application!

[Redacted]

I'd be grateful if you could look over it and see what you think. I've approved it based on the fact that [Redacted] will be manned by Nigerian Naval personnel and by Agents from their Maritime Safety Agency, for whom we have no C2 concerns (I don't think it will cause any C3 concerns either, at least not in respect to what's going on over there with Boko Haram). [Redacted]

[Redacted] – you're aware of the other issues related to this case, so I would welcome your comments. As discussed earlier, [Redacted] advised me to simple process the application against the Criteria as per usual. I feel I've done this, but if you think I've arrived at the wrong conclusion, please let me know.

Many thanks

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Arms Export Policy Team | Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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From: [Redacted]

Sent: 24 June 2014 10:43

To: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: Nigeria case [Redacted] OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

Good morning [Redacted],

Another day of relatively good weather so it can't be too bad I suppose.

Previously we've had no concerns regarding the Nigerian Navy and there haven't been any incidents which have occurred recently (that I'm aware of) that would change this view.

[Redacted]

Happy to take a more in-depth look at this one if you want to send it to me on Spire [Redacted], but I'll leave that up to your judgement. On the face of it, I would say that this one looks like an approval from a C2 point of view.

Kind regards

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 11 July 2014 12:11
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Nigeria – [Redacted] - Norwegian naval vessel OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

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[Redacted],

Thanks for letting us know this. I just wanted to check exactly where we are in terms of the applications agreement and any prospect of it being reversed. If there is no process for reversing an application, which would surprise me, what do we need to do to high-light to seniors that this has happened and how we can mitigate the risks we have high-lighted to you.

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | Africa Directorate | Foreign and Commonwealth Office | King Charles Street | London SW1A 2AH
| Room E.G.02

e-mail[Redacted]

www.fco.gov.uk

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 11 July 2014 12:01
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Nigeria – [Redacted] - Norwegian naval vessel OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

[Redacted]

According to the Coastguard this ship “has no valid surveys or certificates, and no certificated manning from our perspective so she cannot sail yet”. They will let us know if this changes.

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 11 July 2014 11:16
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Nigeria – [Redacted] - Norwegian naval vessel OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

Morning, [Redacted]

Hope all is well.

Please see the attached message I've received from MCA. Hope it is of some help.

All the best for now

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 08 July 2014 12:00
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Nigeria – [Redacted] - Norwegian naval vessel OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

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[Redacted]

We spoke. As you can see both we and post would like this ELA to be “paused” for the moment until we have had a bit of time to give this some further consideration.

[Redacted]|Africa Department (East and West) | Room EGO13| Foreign and Commonwealth Office | King Charles Street | London SW1A 2AH | email[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 08 July 2014 11:45
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Nigeria – [Redacted] - Norwegian naval vessel OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

[Redacted]

Thanks for sending this on. I agree with you that earlier consultation with Post and Desk would have been better in this case, but it's good to see that looks set to change for future cases. In any event, I'm not sure we'd come to a different decision than AEPT have done. Views from here:

[Redacted]

The assessment is right on criterion 2, but criterion 3 is worth a little more thought. The AEPT reporting that criterion 3 concerns are related to Boko Haram activities in the North East is correct, but there is also a dormant militancy and tense environment in the Delta. It might be possible to argue that acquiring this vessel could aggravate existing tensions, although I think it's unlikely as I don't really see how possession of a vessel of this nature would either spark a militant uprising or lead to political violence.

[Redacted]

Happy to discuss further,

[Redacted]

[Redacted] | [Redacted] | British High Commission | Torrens Close, Maitama, Abuja, Nigeria | [Redacted] |
Website: www.gov.uk/government/world/nigeria

From: [Redacted]

Sent: 08 July 2014 10:01

To: [Redacted]

Subject: FW: Nigeria [Redacted] - Norwegian naval vessel OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

[Redacted]

Grateful for your views on this?

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]

Sent: 07 July 2014 19:54

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: Nigeria – [Redacted] - Norwegian naval vessel OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]

Sent: 06 August 2014 11:44

To: [Redacted]

Subject: FW: MV Horten - export to Nigeria OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

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Morning, [Redacted]

Hope all's well.

If you think this needs to be dealt with immediately, please could you raise this with someone else in the team in [Redacted] absence?

You mentioned last week about meeting up for coffee sometime this week. If you're not rushed off your feet, could we do that on Friday morning? I'm in the process of updating my Nigeria country notes and could do with your comments on them! I'll either pass them to you in advance or when we meet (depends how far I get with them today and tomorrow).

Cheers for now

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]

Sent: 06 August 2014 09:25

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: MV Horten - export to Nigeria OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

[Redacted]

Apologies for the delay in sending the attached defensive lines. I'd appreciate it if you could add any relevant standard press lines, and let me know if you're satisfied with what we've drafted, whereupon I'll forward it to our and BIS's press offices for clearance (BIS will want to comment on the last set of lines, which we'd intend for use only as a very last resort).

I'm chasing the MCA for an update on the vessel's status (i.e. whether it's still in port, and when it might be ready to move). Once I have that, and if you think it's necessary, I can prepare a note for [Redacted]

Kind regards

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]

Sent: 27 July 2014 03:15

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: Fw: MV Horten - export to Nigeria OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

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[Redacted],

To note posts views. I am therefore content we have carried out the required due diligence and not revoke the license but work up defensive lines.

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 27 August 2014 11:57
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: MV Horten - export to Nigeria OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

Hi, [Redacted]

Hope you had a good break last week.

I'll be forwarding an e-mail from MCA about this vessel shortly. But I wanted to update this chain and get final agreement of some standard lines on Arms Exports to Nigeria. I've cobbled together something from the annual report (linked below) and would be grateful if you could confirm that you'd be content for it to be used with the previously agreed lines.

[Redacted]

Let me know if the above is acceptable.

All the best

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 06 August 2014 14:49
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: MV Horten - export to Nigeria OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE

Thanks, [Redacted]

Appreciate the speedy response.

Do you want to add some standard Nigeria press lines in there (maybe some specific to arms exports, perhaps a variation of those that can be found on page 15 of the UK Annual Report on Strategic Export Controls 2013)? If so, let me know and I can factor those in before clearing with Press Office.

Speak tomorrow

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]

Sent: 06 August 2014 13:57

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: FW: MV Horten - export to Nigeria OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE
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We and post and happy with these lines [Redacted]. Lets speak tomorrow about meeting up.

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From: [Redacted]

Sent: 06 August 2014 13:54

To: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: MV Horten - export to Nigeria OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE
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Hi [Redacted]

No, nothing to add from here. Happy with the lines.

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Website: www.gov.uk/government/world/nigeria

From: [Redacted]

Sent: 06 August 2014 13:52

To: [Redacted]

Subject: FW: MV Horten - export to Nigeria OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE OFFICIAL_SENSITIVE
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These lines look fine to me, but do you have any thoughts or comments that you want to feed into AEPD?

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