

COALITION PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY ORDER NUMBER 51

SUSPENSION OF EXCLUSIVE AGENCY STATUS OF IRAQI STATE COMPANY FOR WATER TRANSPORTATION

Pursuant to my authority as Administrator of the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA), and under the laws and usages of war, and consistent with relevant U.N. Security Council resolutions, including Resolutions 1483 and 1511 (2003),

Noting that the Iraqi State Company for Water Transportation (hereafter "the Company") is the successor in interest to the Iraqi State Organization for Water Transportation (hereafter "the Organization"),

Noting further that the Company has performed exclusively as the maritime agent in Iraqi ports, a role previously performed by the Iraqi State Enterprise for Iraqi Maritime Agencies, a body of the Organization;

Understanding that the rights and obligations of the Organization have devolved upon the Company,

Determined to create conditions for the development of a free market economy by encouraging trade and open competition,

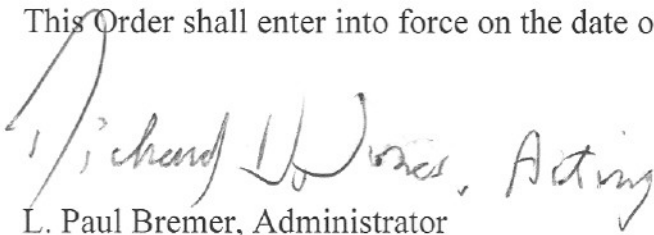
I hereby promulgate the following:

Section 1 Suspension of Exclusive Agency Status

- 1) The right of the Company to act as the exclusive maritime agent in Iraqi ports is hereby suspended. The Company shall, however, be permitted to provide maritime agency services in competition with other companies.
- 2) To the extent that Article 1 of Law Number 56 of 1985 (Maritime Agencies) or any other provision of Iraqi law is inconsistent with this Order, those inconsistent provisions are suspended.

Section 2
Entry into Force

This Order shall enter into force on the date of signature.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L. Paul Bremer, Acting". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "L".

L. Paul Bremer, Administrator
Coalition Provisional Authority