

INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA TRIBUNAL INTERNATIONAL DU DROIT DE LA MER

Press Release

"CHAISIRI REEFER 2" CASE (PANAMA v. YEMEN)

CASE REMOVED FROM TRIBUNAL'S LIST

On 13 July 2001, following an agreement between Panama and Yemen, the "Chaisiri Reefer 2" Case was removed from the Tribunal's List of cases.

The proceedings in the "Chaisiri Reefer 2" Case were instituted on 3 July 2001 by an application made on behalf of Panama against Yemen, under article 292 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, for the prompt release of the vessel *Chaisiri Reefer 2*, its crew and cargo, which had been detained by the authorities of Yemen.

By note verbale, dated 12 July 2001, the Embassy of Yemen in Germany, on behalf of its Government, informed the Tribunal as follows:

[T]he Vessel M/V Chaisiri Reefer II and its cargo and crew have been released and are free to sail from Mukalla Port. The government guarantees that the same load which was unloaded from the vessel will be loaded back and that on that basis the case will be withdrawn by the applicant.

By letter addressed to the Acting Registrar on the same day, the Agent of Panama informed the Tribunal as follows:

[I]n accordance with Article 105 para 2 of the Rules of the Tribunal the parties have agreed to discontinue the proceedings in consequence of having reached a settlement of the dispute concerning the arrest of "CHAISIRI REEFER 2".

In accordance with article 105, paragraphs 2 and 3, of the Rules of the Tribunal, the President of the Tribunal issued an Order on 13 July 2001, recording the discontinuance of the proceedings and directing the removal of the case from the Tribunal's List of cases.

The Press Releases of the Tribunal, documents and other information are available on the United Nations website: http://www.un.org/Depts/los/ and from the Registry of the Tribunal. Please contact Mr. Robert van Dijk or Ms. Julia Pope at Am Internationalen Seegerichtshof 1, 22609 Hamburg, Germany, Tel.: (49) (40) 35607-228/227, Fax: (49) (40) 35607-245/275;

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