

UNITED STATES - SOLOMON ISLANDS DISPUTE *

U.S. TO REMOVE EMBARGO ON SOLOMON ISLANDS TUNA

A decision has been made by the United States Government to remove the import prohibitions imposed against tuna and tuna products of Solomon Islands. The embargo was imposed in August 1984 pursuant to U.S. law as a result of the seizure of the U.S. flag tunaboat Jeanette Diana. It has now been determined that the conditions which led to the imposition of the embargo no longer prevail. While a decision has been made to remove the embargo, it will take several weeks for the paperwork to be completed so that the embargo will be technically no longer in effect.

The United States is participating with Solomon Islands and fourteen other South Pacific states in negotiations aimed at creating a regional fisheries agreement. It is the hope of the United States that an agreement can be concluded in the near future which will prevent the occurrence of incidents such as that associated with the Jeanette Diana.

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