

CONTAINER SHIPS' FLAG CHANGE

In response to stories that two Sea Container Limited ships have switched registration from Bermuda to Liberia and continue trading out of Buenos Aires, we can point out that this company is a subsidiary of an American parent, the trade being conducted before and now was between the US and Argentina, the flag change took place early in April, and we understand the majority of the crew is Argentine.

Department of Trade's basic line will be that flag changes are subject to normal commercial decision-making processes. Also trade sanctions on Argentina have only thus far involved direct trade between the UK and Argentina.

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