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### **Gibraltar Bunkering Already Totally Legal Under EU Law**

Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar notes the latest statement on bunkering operations in British Gibraltar Territorial Waters from the Spanish Minister for the Environment Miguel Arias Canete, speaking in Barbate, Cadiz.

The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea delineates the limits of British Gibraltar jurisdiction in the waters around Gibraltar. Bunkering within those limits is governed by Gibraltar laws, which already applies all relevant EU measures.

The Spanish Government therefore knows that it has no jurisdiction to regulate bunkering operations within the territorial limits of British Gibraltar waters.

The Government confirms that it will not tolerate any attempts to interfere with lawful bunkering operations within British Gibraltar Territorial Waters. To date there have been no attempts to curtail or otherwise interfere with bunkering operations at sea.