



भारत सरकार  
पर्यावरण एवं वन मंत्रालय  
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS

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No.29-3/2009-HSMD

Dated: 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2009

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: US Ship "Platinum-II"**

This is in continuation of our earlier letter of even number dated 16.10.2009 regarding the subject mentioned above.

2. In this regard, the undersigned is directed to inform that a Central Technical Team constituted by the Ministry of Environment & Forests conducted an inspection of the ship "Platinum-II" from October 19-20, 2009 and submitted its report to this Ministry on 26.10.2009. A copy of the same is available on the website of the Ministry at [www.moef.nic.in](http://www.moef.nic.in) and is attached (Annexure-I)
3. The report has been examined.
4. It has been brought to the notice of MoEF that the ship violated the United States Toxic Substances Control Act (USTSCA) and an order has been passed by the USEPA against the owners of the ship. A copy of the order is enclosed as Annexure-II.
5. There have also been allegations that the ship has been brought into India with a falsified flag and registry. The GMB may investigate this matter further.
6. In the light of the facts mentioned in paras 4 & 5 above, and in keeping with the 'Precautionary Principle', the Ministry of Environment and Forests is of the view that granting permission for beaching and breaking purposes of the ship will not be advisable.
7. This Ministry may be kept informed on this matter.

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8. This issues with the approval of the Minister of State (I/C) of Environment and Forests.

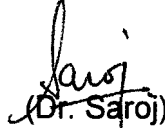
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