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DEFENCE AND OVERSEA POLICY COMMITTEE
SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE SOUTH ATLANTIC AND
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

DRAFT RULES OF ENGAGEMENT FOR OPERATION PARAQUET

Note by the Secretaries

1. This note covers three sets of instructions which need to be agreed for issue to ships involved in Operation Paraquet. These cover:
 - a) Transit towards South Georgia on the high seas outside any declared Zone;
 - b) Transit within the declared Argentinian "Defence Zone" of 200 nautical miles around South Georgia;
 - c) Execution of Operation Paraquet within this Zone.
2. The Rules of Engagement to cover these three phases involve the following:
 - a) Transit towards South Georgia (Annex A)
Overriding aim is to avoid provocation but respond to aggression with firmness.
 - i) Surface Vessels
Minimum force to be used in response to any clear intent to engage. All units may assist in defence of any unit which is attacked. Maritime International Law is not to be broken unless necessary in order to achieve aim.

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ii) SSNs

Surveillance to be covert, evading if detected. Engagement of enemy only if attacked first.

b) Transit within Argentinian "Defence Zone" (Annex B)

Aim is to show sufficient force to dissuade Argentinian units from enforcing their "Defence Zone".

i) Surface Vessels

To achieve transit, take any necessary action against positively identified Argentinian ships. In the case of merchant ships this would in the first instance be to warn off. You may attack any submarines which demonstrate hostile intent. Instructions on mutual defence and Maritime International Law as at 2(a)(i) above.

ii) SSNs

Any conventional submarine detected may be presumed to be Argentinian and may be attacked. All Argentinian warships and naval auxiliaries positively identified may be attacked.

c) Execution of Operation (Annex C)

Aim is to repossess South Georgia.

i) Surface Vessels

Any action necessary to achieve aim may be taken against ships and aircraft positively identified as Argentinian. You may attack any submarine which demonstrates hostile intent.

ii) SSNs

As at 2(b)(ii) above.

Signed ROBERT ARMSTRONG
R L WADE-GERY
D H COLVIN

HIGH SEAS ROE

1. Area Limits

The South Atlantic south of 10°S and West of 20°W

excluding:

- a. Brazilian, and Uruguayan territorial seas.
- b. Sea areas within 200 miles of the coasts of Argentina, the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands.

2. Time Limit

Continuous.

3. Recommended Policies

POLITICAL

MEANING

EXPANSION

BRAVO

Status Quo

Avoid provocation but be prepared to meet force with force. The aim is a safe transit to South Georgia and the Falkland Islands.

MILITARY

Surface Ships and Aircraft

102 Commanding Officers and Aircraft Captains are to respond to any aggression with tactful firmness and are to exhibit a determination to meet any

escalation, though not to exceed that already carried out by the enemy.

103 When the enemy is about to engage with weapons, minimum force is to be used to prevent the successful employment of those weapons.

Excessive or untimely use of force would have serious military or political consequences.

207 For the purpose of self defence attack on one unit may be considered an attack on all other units in company.

208 Notwithstanding other Rules which may be in force the commander of a unit has the inherent right to use such force in self defence as may be necessary to protect his command and the lives of his men.

302 Harrassment is to be carried out to a similar extent, and in a similar degree to any which is received by units within the force.

ANNEX A TO
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403 Maritime International Law is not to
be broken unless it is necessary in
order to achieve the aim.

506 Surveillance and shadowing may be
overt, or covert. The requirement
to remain undetected need not have
priority over other operational
objectives, eg detection by
potential hostile forces may be
invited in order to gain tactical
intelligence.

SSN

MEANING

EXPANSION

1 Remain covert. Carry out
surveillance of area allocated. If
detected, evade. If unable to evade,
prosecuting units may be attacked
only if they have attacked first.

13 Situation reports are to be made at
discretion on all ARGENTINE units.

ARGENTINIAN DECLARED SOUTH GEORGIA DEFENCE ZONE - ROE

1. Zone Limits

200 NM from the coast of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands.

2. Time Limits

From entry into Zone until further notice.

3. Recommended Policies

POLITICAL

MEANING

EXPANSION

CHARLIE

Escalate

Any attempt by ARGENTINIAN units to enforce the "Defence Zone" should be met with sufficient show of force to dissuade recurrence.

MILITARY

Surface Ship and Aircraft

104 Commanding Officers and Aircraft Captains may take such action as is necessary to achieve their military task, but are not to exceed it.

With suffixes

HOTEL All aircraft positively identified as ARGENTINIAN combat aircraft. (Combat aircraft are to include only fighter, bomber, ground attack and LRMP aircraft and armed and ASW helicopters).

JULIETT All submarines detected which are assessed to be conventional may be presumed to be ARGENTINIAN.

MIKE All vessels positively identified as ARGENTINIAN.

202 Authority is delegated to warn off all enemy units which constitute a threat.

(Merchant Ships)

205 Authority is delegated to attack any ship, submarine or aircraft that demonstrates hostile intent.

(ARGENTINIAN)

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4	All vessels positively identified as ARGENTINIAN warships, submarines and naval auxiliaries may be attacked.	
5	Any submarine detected not classified nuclear may be presumed to be ARGENTINIAN and may be attacked.	
13	Situation reports are to be made at discretion on all ARGENTINE units.	

OPERATION PARAQUET ROE

1. Zone Limits

200 NM from the coast of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands.

2. Time Limits

When ordered to execute Operation PARAQUET.

3. Recommended Policies

POLITICAL

MEANING

EXPANSION

CHARLIE Escalate

Repossess South Georgia

MILITARY

Surface Ships and Aircraft

104 Commanding Officers and Aircraft Captains may take such action as is necessary to achieve their military task, but are not to exceed it.

With suffixes

JULIETT All submarines detected which are assessed to be conventional may be presumed to be ARGENTINIAN.

MIKE All vessels positively identified as ARGENTINIAN.

NOVEMBER All aircraft positively identified as ARGENTINIAN.

202 Authority is delegated to attempt to warn off all enemy units which constitute a threat.

(Merchant Ships)

205 Authority is delegated to attack any ship, submarine or aircraft that demonstrates hostile intent.

(ARGENTINIAN)

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508 Counter surveillance is to be overt. Every effort is to be made to chase the intruder from his objectives and area.

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