

Overview

This standard covers the competence required to manage port security.

It includes assessing port security needs in consultation with stakeholders; the establishment, operation, maintenance and review of appropriate security; cooperation with relevant agencies; compliance with regulatory security requirements.

The role requires the interpretation and application of, and compliance with, relevant international and national regulations; local legislation, codes of practice, standards, frameworks and industry guidance

Target Group

This standard applies to individuals who have a duty to facilitate the safe and efficient use of the harbour. This is an essential unit for any Harbour Master with defined responsibilities under national and international security codes and regulations. Typically, this will be the Harbour Master or Authorised Deputies with delegated powers.

Note that in this NOS, unless otherwise specified, the term port may also mean harbour. However, the term harbour does not necessarily mean port.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. conduct a port security assessment in consultation with stakeholders to establish the type and level of security regime required and communicate the findings to the affected stakeholders
2. manage port security, including:
 1. developing appropriate port security policies and plans
 2. resourcing the management of port security
 3. operating an appropriate port security system
 4. monitoring and reviewing port security
 5. conducting port security exercises
3. cooperate with enforcement and other relevant agencies to ensure effective port security and comply with regulatory security requirements
4. maintain auditable records in line with the port security plan

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. international and national regulations; local legislation, codes of practice, standards, frameworks and industry guidance applicable to port security
2. the extent and features of the physical environment for which the harbour master has responsibility and authority
3. the nature of the interaction between the port and statutory or other organisations, with respect to port security including the extent of the port's obligation to cooperate on security matters
4. the different types and levels of port security assessment and how to conduct them
5. the different types of security risk likely to arise at a port
6. typical measures a port might use to protect its security and their respective benefits/constraints
7. how to assess the risk mitigation effect of security control measures
8. the powers available to a port for maintaining its security
9. how to design and run a port security exercise

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