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NOTICE TO ALL PORTS AND HARBOUR AUTHORITIES RECEIVING MERCHANT VESSELS ENGAGED IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE, PORT SECURITY AUTHORITIES, PORT FACILITY SECURITY OFFICERS, PORT SECURITY OFFICERS, RECOGNISED SECURITY ORGANISATIONS (Ports).

REVIEW OF PORT FACILITY SECURITY ASSESSMENTS

Port facilities in Ireland, subject to the requirements of the ISPS Code and Regulation 725/04/EC, have been issued with statements of compliance from 1st July 2004, which expire on 30th June 2009.

Article 3.6 of the EC Regulation requires that periodic review of the port facility security assessments shall be completed at the latest five years after the assessments were carried out or last reviewed. All port facilities with assessment approval dating from 2004 must carry out a new port facility security assessment and submit this document to the Marine Survey Office (MSO) for approval, in order to be eligible for the reissue of a further statement of compliance with the ISPS Code. Recognised Security Organisations may carry out the assessments for port facilities.

The Department has arranged for the enhancement of the “Safe Seas Ireland” (SSI) web portal to accept port facility security assessments in the format of the previously utilised template. The SSI system represents a secure method for the approval process and will provide an efficient and traceable plan approval facility. This new SSI function is now “live”.

Upon approval of port facility security assessments, the port facility security plans (PFSP) will require amendment, as appropriate, and submission to the MSO for approval. A further enhancement of the SSI is expected to become available in June 2009 to facilitate the uploading of the PFSP documents.

The MSO will be providing information seminars for those personnel involved in the preparation and input of port security related data to SSI at its Dublin and Cork offices during May 2009. The timetable for compliance is outlined below and further details will be promulgated in due course.

In order to improve the security of documentation, it is anticipated that the use of postal, courier or e-mail services for the transmission of port facility assessments or plans in any format will no longer be permitted, unless such transmission has received the prior consent of the MSO. The content of Port Facility Security Plans will be required to reflect this data security requirement.

Compliance Timetable:

Date	Compliance Details
25 th April 2009	SSI system available.
Early May (dates to be confirmed)	SSI – Port Security training days at MSO Dublin and MSO Cork.
19 th June 2009	Last date for receipt of Port Facility Security Assessments for ports requiring interim approvals beyond 1 st July 2009.
30 th June 2009	6-month validity - Interim approvals issued to all ports with submitted port facility assessments.
30 th September 2009	Anticipated completion of approval process for port facility security assessments.
31 st December 2009	Anticipated completion of approval of Port Facility Approval Plans and issue of “5 Year” statements of compliance.

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