

# DARWIN PORT SECURITY

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### ***Introduction***

The recent terrorist acts have made port security a world wide issue, requiring global co-operation and cohesion. In the Marine Industry, the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), which is part of the United Nations, has published guidelines for ship and port security. These guidelines have been developed to ensure that international marine trade can still continue, but ensure ports and ships are prepared against any terrorist act. The guidelines produced for security, by IMO, are known as the ***International Ship and Port Facility Security Code***.

### ***Requirements***

All ports and ships are to comply by 1 July 2004.

All vessels over 500 tonnes gross must comply with the Code and all ports must undertake a risk assessment and prepare a Port Facility Security Plan. This Plan will describe the measures ports must take and will be approved in Australia by the Department of Trade and Regional Services (DOTARS). The Darwin Port Corporation has had its Security Plan approved by DOTARS and is undertaking measures to put this Plan into action.

### ***Conclusion***

All ports, including the Port of Darwin, will experience heightened security operations and will require the co-operation of all its customers in implementing this new International Standard.

Further enquiries with regard to Port Security matters should be directed to the nominated Port Security Officer by phoning 08 89220601.