

Port Security Directive

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	Entry into force	15/12/2005
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Policy level	European	
Type of instrument	Directive	
Geographical reach	Member States that have a port in which one or more port facilities covered by an approved port facility security plan pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 725/2004 is or are situated. These are: Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, France, Finland, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, the United Kingdom and Sweden	
(Legal) coverage in the BNS	(port zones)	
European contact point	Directorate-General Mobility and Transport (DG MOVE)	
Competent authorities in Belgium	Nationale Autoriteit voor de Maritieme Beveiliging	
Transposition on the federal level	Wet van 5 februari 2007 betreffende de maritieme beveiliging	

// abstract:

The main objective of this directive is to implement Community measures that increase port safety regarding imminent incidents. It complements 'Regulation (EC) No 725/2004 (p.94) on the improvement of ship and port facility security. These measures include common basic rules regarding port security measures, an implementation mechanism for the rules, as well as the mechanisms necessary for an appropriate and regular supervision of the port security plans and their implementation.

The Member States need to designate an authority for port security, responsible for drawing up and implementing port security plans, based on the experiences of the port security assessments. The directive describes detailed requirements that need to be incorporated when drawing up these port security assessments and plans. The directive also stipulates that the Member States have to introduce a system of security levels for ports, and that each port needs a port security officer as a contact point for port security related issues.