

# Ports decree

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<b>(Legal) coverage in the BNS</b>	(Port areas and maritime access ways, cf. art. 2 of this decree)	
<b>Competent authorities in Flanders</b>	Flemish authorities, policy domain Mobility and Public Works (MOW)	

## // abstract:

This decree defines the statutes and the competences of the port companies. Moreover, the regulation regarding the autonomous municipal port companies is discussed. The supervision, control and financial provisions of these port companies are also stipulated in this decree with, inter alia, the appointment of regional port commissioners. The cooperation between the port companies and the Flemish region in the field of port policy and subregional port policy is described. The decree fixes the financing for the construction, maintenance and exploitation of the maritime access routes and the basic infrastructure; the canal docks and the turning basins; the processing of the sediments; the internal port basic infrastructure; etc. Finally, the ports decree makes important changes to 'wet van 19 juni 1978 betreffende het beheer van het linkerschelde-oevergebied ter hoogte van Antwerpen en houdende maatregelen voor het beheer en de exploitatie van de haven van Antwerpen'.