

**To: Consultees**

**Web Site:** [www.gov.uk/dft](http://www.gov.uk/dft)

Dear Sir/Madam

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**Port Security Regulations 2009 - Consultation on implementation at the Port of Thames – DfT 2013-19**

The Port Security Regulations 2009 (“the PSRs”) came into force on 1 September 2009. They brought the EC Directive on enhancing port security (65/2005/EC) into force in UK legislation. Before the regulations can take effect within a port area, the Department for Transport needs to define the port boundary within which the regulations are effective and designate the relevant Port Security Authority (PSA) for the port.

We are seeking your views on the implementation of the PSRs at the Port of Thames (Ref: DfT 2013-19) that will very shortly be published on the Department’s website at the above address. The consultation document also incorporates a Consultation Stage Impact Assessment (IA). The IA in fact covers 20 remaining ports considered in scope of the Directive being consulted on in several tranches: references to the Port of Thames have been highlighted yellow in the IA for ease of reference. The Designation Order (“DO”) for the Port of Thames is currently under preparation. However, the text of such Orders is very standard so for illustrative purposes the Port Security (Hull, New Holland, Immingham and Grimsby) Designation Order 2013 is shown at Annex A of the consultation and it is intended that the Port of Thames DO will mirror this text. The key plans and inset plans for the Port of Thames PSA are at Annex B of the consultation to enable consultees to see where the proposed boundary of the Thames PSA will lie.

**The consultation will close on 8 October 2013.**

Responses and any questions or comments should be sent to the following e-mail address: [MARITIMESECURITY@dft.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:MARITIMESECURITY@dft.gsi.gov.uk). **When responding, please quote “Port Security Directive DfT-2013-19” and “Thames” in the subject box.** An optional Consultation Response Document has been uploaded with the consultation document on the Department’s website.

Alternatively responses may be sent by post to Caroline Wall at the above address. Paper copies of the consultation documentation are also available on request.

Yours faithfully

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