

Summary of responses to the consultation on Port of Belfast Designation Order

The consultation on the Port Security (Port of Belfast) draft Designation Order in relation to the Port Security Regulations 2009 was published on the Department for Transport website and notified to interested parties on 9 August 2010. The consultation closed on 20 September 2010. There were 5 responses received by the DfT.

Comprehensive pre-consultation discussions were carried out by the DfT with the key stakeholders of the port who have an interest in the security management structure. This involved detailed discussions with the Chief of Port Police at Belfast Port about the content of the draft Designation Order and the defined boundary of the port.

On 18 March 2010 representatives from TRANSEC at the Department for Transport ran a stakeholder workshop for all of the key stakeholders for the Port of Belfast at which the proposed content of the Designation Order was presented. This was an opportunity for those present to raise any questions about the Designation Order contents and about how the Port Security Regulations 2009 will be implemented at the Port of Belfast. There was also an opportunity following the workshop for any comments to be sent through to DfT and any subsequent changes to be made to the proposed boundary and the Order before it went out to public consultation.

The responses that were received were content with the proposals and we are grateful for the time and effort taken by those who responded. We are also grateful to the local stakeholders who have engaged in the process to date and placed applications for membership of the Port Security Authority when it is established.

The Designation Order will now be subject to further legal and regulatory checks before being laid before Parliament.