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Dear Sir/Madam

Port Security Regulations 2009 - Consultation on the draft Designation Orders for the Ports of: Barrow, Cardiff, Falmouth, Glasgow (now "Clyde"), Hull, Goole, Immingham and Grimsby, Liverpool, the Manchester Ship Canal, Newhaven, Southampton, Sullom Voe and Swansea ("the Listed Ports")

The Port Security Regulations 2009 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 draft Designation Orders (DO's) for the above ports through the consultation that will very shortly be published on the Department's website at the above address.

The consultation document (incorporating the Impact Assessment) covers the above listed ports bar the Port of Liverpool. The Port of Liverpool was the subject of a consultation on an earlier batch of ports (28 March to 9 May 2012). The relevant Impact Assessment can be found here (third listed document). Liverpool has been included again in the current consultation because Peel Ports has expressed a preference to have a combined PSA for Liverpool and Manchester Ship Canal and views are sought on this as part of the current consultation.

The Ports of Lerwick, Poole and Rosyth were included in the Impact Assessment. But they have been withdrawn from the current consultation pending further analysis by the Department in consultation with stakeholders.

The consultation will close on 4 January 2013.

Responses and any questions or comments should be sent to the following e-mail address: MARITIMESECURITY@dft.gsi.gov.uk. Please quote "Port Security Directive DfT-2012-40" and the name of the relevant port(s) in the subject box.

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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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