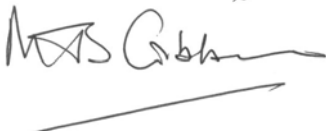
 Regulatory Policy Committee	OPINION	
Impact Assessment (IA)	Impact assessment for the ports of Barrow, Cardiff, Coleraine, Cromarty Firth, Felixstowe/Harwich, Fowey, Great Yarmouth, Ipswich, Londonderry, Medway, Methil, Oban, Peterhead, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Rosyth, Shoreham, Thames, Troon and Tyne (“the Listed Ports”)	
Lead Department/Agency	Department for Transport	
Stage	Consultation	
Origin	European	
IA Number	Not provided	
Date submitted to RPC	03/04/2013	
RPC Opinion date and reference	25/04/2013	RPC12-DfT-1751
Overall Assessment	GREEN	
<p>The IA is fit for purpose. The rationale for and impact of the proposals to enhance ports security have been explained clearly. At this stage the estimated costs and benefits appear to have been adequately identified.</p>		
<p>Identification of costs and benefits, and the impacts on small firms, public and third sector organisations, individuals and community groups and reflection of these in the choice of options</p> <p><i>Costs and benefits.</i> The rationale for and impact of the proposals to enhance ports security have been explained clearly. The costs have been quantified and suitable qualitative description of the benefits has been provided to enable an effective consultation. The IA could have benefited from a discussion of the sensitivity of these estimates and from providing an upper and lower estimate of costs and benefits.</p>		
<p>Have the necessary burden reductions required by One-in, Two-out been identified and are they robust?</p> <p>As this proposal is of European origin, with no evidence of going beyond minimum requirements, it is out of scope of ‘One-in, Two-out’ in accordance with the Better Regulation Framework Manual (paragraph 2.9.8 ii).</p>		
Signed 	Michael Gibbons, Chairman	