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Dear Sir/Madam

Port Security Regulations 2009 - Consultation on the draft Designation Orders for the Ports of: Felixstowe/Harwich/Ipswich, and Medway ("the Listed Ports") - DfT 2013-16

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 (ref. DfT 2013-16) 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 the 20 remaining ports considered in scope of the Directive to be consulted on in several tranches: references to the Listed Ports in the current tranche have been highlighted yellow in the IA for ease of reference.

The consultation will close on Thursday 3 October 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-2013-16" and the name of the relevant port(s) on which you are commenting 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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