



To: Consultees

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Dear Sir/Madam

Port Security Regulations 2009 - Consultation on the draft Designation Order the port of Londonderry, Northern Ireland – DfT 2013-32

The Port Security Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2048/2009 -“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. They were amended by the Port Security (Amendment) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2815/2013) which came into force on 29 November. However, the amendments do not change the fundamental requirements under the PSRs for in-scope ports to establish a Port Security Authority (PSA), define the PSA area (which can include both land and water), appoint a Port Security Officer, and produce a Port Security Plan based on the port security assessment carried out under the PSRs.

We are seeking your views on the draft Designation Order (DO) for the port of Londonderry, Northern Ireland (NI) through the consultation (ref. DfT 2013-32) 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, including Londonderry, which have been consulted on in a series of tranches. References to Londonderry have been highlighted yellow in the IA for ease of reference.

The port boundaries for Londonderry Port in Northern Ireland (NI) include large areas of the Republic of Ireland (ROI) on the northern side of Lough Foyle. The UK’s responsibility and jurisdiction to implement the Directive extends only within the UK, so it cannot implement the Directive in the part of Londonderry Port that falls within the ROI. The proposed Londonderry Port Security Authority (PSA) boundary has, therefore, been designed so as to capture the port facilities at Londonderry (Londonderry Harbour, Invista and Coolkeeragh) but to avoid the inclusion of any ROI territory in the PSA area.

The proposed Londonderry PSA area will include both sides of the River Foyle from Craigavon Bridge (which corresponds to the inland limit of the harbour’s area of jurisdiction) to the boundary between NI and the ROI. It excludes Lough Foyle.

The consultation will close on Wednesday 15 January 2014.

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-2013-32 Londonderry” 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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