

Best Practice: Limiting Certain Cargo Operations to a Specified Port



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Description: Certain vessel cargo operations from South America are limited to just the Port of Barcadera, Aruba.

Discussion: In order to reduce the occurrence of smuggling operations, vessel traffic from Venezuela and Colombia that are engaged in the import of fish, vegetables, fruit, and wood to Aruba are limited to a specific area at the Port of Barcadera. This is the only area on the entire island of Aruba where these vessels are authorized to offload their cargo. Additionally, only licensed commercial vendors who have been pre-screened by the Port Facility Security Officer are authorized to have access to this area to receive goods.

Potential Down-side: This practice may not be practicable to either implement or enforce at larger countries or ports.

Conclusion: Limiting such operations to this designated area facilitates monitoring, supervision and is an effective way to reduce and deter smuggling operations.

Cost: Costs for implementing this type of system are unknown.