

Best Practice: Accredited ISPS Code Compliance Training Curriculum

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Description: The Chief of the Port Police developed a set of comprehensive training curriculums for three and four day courses addressing the ISPS Code, Port Facility Security Officer, Company Security Officer and Ships Security Officer requirements. The curriculum received accreditation by both TRANSEC (United Kingdom's designated authority for the ISPS Code) and the Merseyside College Association, through John Moores University.

Discussion: According to John Moores University, the course is structured so that following completion of the curriculum, students will have a better understanding of national and international requirements on how to "Maintain ship security plans, appreciate security levels, develop and maintain measures for the control of access to the vessel, conduct port security and risk assessments and implement effective search mechanisms and security controls." In addition to a formal written assessment delegate's will be assessed by oral questioning, practical role play performance and within group workshop activities. Certificates are issued upon completion of each course. There are no entry requirements, however, prospective PFSO's in the United Kingdom will need to have a United Kingdom government Counter Terrorist Check and be a permanent employee of a port facility.

Potential Down-side: Cost and availability of coordinating a course with a willing and accredited university.

Conclusion: This course meets the requirements of TRANSEC's port facility security officer specifications. It is designed to give the graduates a full understanding of the ISPS Code, how to implement the Code and related legislation to fulfill the documentation requirements and maintain an effective security system for their operation.

Cost: The cost is approximately \$1,200 (USD) per course.