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Introduction

Transport Canada is responsible for the planning and development of policies, legislation, regulations, and standards, as well as the oversight and enforcement of the legal framework pertaining to the security of the Canadian transportation system.

As part of the National Security Policy commitment to clarifying and strengthening accountability for marine security, the Minister of Transport has lead responsibility for marine safety and security policy co-ordination and regulation.

Transport Canada also chairs the Interdepartmental Marine Security Working Group — or IMSWG — which was established in October 2001 to identify and coordinate the Government of Canada's actions in support of enhancing the security of Canada's marine transportation system.

Progress since September 2001

Since 2001, the Government of Canada has dedicated some \$850 million for projects improving marine security in Canada, including measures to protect marine infrastructure, increase the surveillance of maritime traffic, and improve Canada's capability to respond to emergency situations. This includes:

- The National Security Policy, which elaborates in detail a \$308 million, six-point plan to enhance marine security by:
 - Clarifying responsibilities and strengthening coordination of marine security efforts
 - Establishing marine security operations centres
 - Increasing the Canadian Forces, Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Canadian Coast Guard on-the-water presence and Department of Fisheries and Oceans aerial surveillance
 - Securing fleet communications
 - Pursuing greater marine security cooperation with the U.S.
 - Strengthening the security of ports and other marine facilities

As part of the National Security Policy announcement, the Government of Canada created the three-year, \$115 million Marine Security Contribution Program to assist ports and port facilities with new security enhancements called for under their Transport Canada approved security plans. On March 15, 2005 the Minister of Transport announced the results of the first funding round, awarding up to \$23.5 million to 69 selected recipients across Canada.

- The International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code — which came into effect on July 1, 2004 — is a comprehensive security regime that seeks to establish an international framework of co-operation between governments, government agencies and the shipping and port industries in order to detect and take preventive measures against security incidents affecting ships or port facilities used in international trade.

In order to put the Code into effect in Canada, and to allow us to meet our international obligations, Transport Canada developed Marine Transportation Security Regulations (MTSRs) in consultation with the Canadian marine sector. The MTSRs came into effect on July 1, 2004.

- The Marine Transportation Security Clearance Program will help to address vulnerabilities in Canada's marine security by limiting access to specific restricted area at marine facilities to those who have been granted a Transportation Security Clearance (TSC) and to require a TSC for certain designated positions. A phased-in implementation of the program will follow later in 2005, starting at the ports of Vancouver, Montreal, and Halifax.
- Establishing Marine Security Operations Centres (MSOCs) is a key priority of the National Security Policy. The purpose of the centres includes enhancing domain awareness, detecting and assessing potential threats to marine security, and coordinating on-water responses.

Currently, two MSOCs are being established in Canada on both the east and west coasts — in Halifax and Victoria. In addition, Canada will co-ordinate our MSOCs' activities with the U.S. Coast Guard Operations Centres to provide enhanced North American domain awareness.

Budget 2005: Funding for Inspection and Oversight

Building on past investments and the National Security Policy, Budget 2005 provides an additional \$222 million over five years to further enhance the security of the country's marine transportation system. Funds will go towards a series of initiatives, including new mid-shore patrol vessels for the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence Seaway, additional regulatory inspections, the creation of Emergency Response Teams for the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence Seaway, and an increased police presence in ports.

Transport Canada will receive additional funding in support of its Marine Security Regulatory Oversight and Enforcement Program. Through the monitoring, inspection and enforcement activities of this program, Transport Canada strengthens the security of the Canadian marine transportation system by applying the marine security legislative and regulatory framework to the vessels (both domestic and foreign) and Canadian marine facilities subject to the MTSRs.