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# Strengthening Australia's Maritime Security

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## Presentation outline

- ❖ The Australian Government's approach
- ❖ The role of the OTS
- ❖ Extension of Australia's maritime security regime

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## The National Transport Security Strategy

- ❖ Transport security is essential to maintain confidence in the transport system
- ❖ Transport security is a shared goal and a shared responsibility
- ❖ Intelligence and threat information play a key role in transport security



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## The National Transport Security Strategy

- ❖ Transport security costs are primarily the responsibility of the provider of transport services
- ❖ Transport security measures developed and implemented following a risk assessment



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## Common approach to transport security

- ❖ The Government takes a common approach to transport security, regardless of the mode of transport
- ❖ Threat context statement
- ❖ Risk assessment
- ❖ Security plan



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## The Office of Transport Security

- ❖ OTS was established in order to implement the expanded aviation compliance and enforcement regime
- ❖ OTS regulates Australian transport security, and advises Government on transport security
- ❖ Outcome: a transport system more secure against terrorism and unlawful acts
- ❖ Our focus is preventive transport security

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## Australian ISPS Code Compliance

- ❖ Australia has been fully compliant with the ISPS Code since its commencement on 1 July 2004
- ❖ There are currently 250 ship and maritime security plans in force in Australia
- ❖ Since 1 July 2004
  - ❑ There have been 9687 ship visits to Australia
  - ❑ Almost all have possessed a valid International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC)
  - ❑ Six ships have been issued with control directions to address non-possession of a valid ISSC
- ❖ Australia has extended the ISPS regime to interstate vessels and the ports that handle them

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## Beyond ISPS

- ❖ Continual review of maritime security is undertaken
  - ❑ Secretaries' Committee on National Security (SCNS) assessment of maritime security policy settings
  - ❑ Taskforce on Offshore Maritime Security
  - ❑ Industry consultation
  - ❑ Feedback from audit and compliance

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## Transport of high consequence dangerous goods

- ❖ Nationally consistent approach
- ❖ Legislation review and gap analysis
- ❖ National Transport Commission work to develop model legislation
- ❖ Safety and security outcomes can conflict



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## Strengthening Australia's offshore security

- ❖ Clear delineation of responsibilities for offshore and in port security
- ❖ Offshore facilities to be included in the MTSA
- ❖ Joint Offshore Protection Command
- ❖ Australian Maritime Identification System
- ❖ Augmented patrols for oil and gas fields in the Timor Sea and North West Shelf

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## Global focus

- ❖ Maritime security is a global issue
- ❖ Implementation of transport security can't focus solely on Australia
- ❖ Must address risk transfer
- ❖ Pushing borders out

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## International maritime issues

- ❖ Reviewing maritime security and ISPS
- ❖ ISPS compliance quality assurance issues
  - Need confidence that reported compliance is real
  - Compliance verification mechanisms must be transparent
- ❖ A focus on security regulation
- ❖ Proposed amendments to SUA

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## Transport security in our region

- ❖ To aid development of effective transport security
  - ❑ OTS has deployed officers to South-East Asian based in Jakarta and Manila
  - ❑ OTS has dedicated liaison officers conducting assistance missions in the Pacific
  - ❑ OTS is running training programmes to better equip transport security authorities in the region
  - ❑ OTS is working closely with the Philippines Office of Transportation Security to enhance IMO ISPS Compliance

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## Future work

- ❖ Ships and ports
  - ❑ Security for non-SOLAS vessels
- ❖ Crew and passengers
  - ❑ Identity
  - ❑ ILO Convention 185
  - ❑ Training
- ❖ Cargo
  - ❑ High consequence dangerous goods

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## International maritime governance

- ❖ Working with IMO on compliance and verification
- ❖ Sharing of intelligence and information
- ❖ Coordination of capability development
- ❖ IMO broadening its focus to include ports
- ❖ Recognising that security is on the agenda

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