

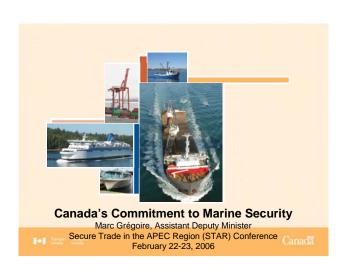
2006/SOM1/STAR/008 Maritime Security Round Table 1

Canada's Commitment to Marine Security, Specifically Canada's Inter-Departmental Marine Security Working Group

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Canada's Commitment to Marine Security

- Canada has committed \$930M to strengthen marine security through increased:
 - ➤Threat identification and response capability;
 - ➤ Visible on-water federal presence;
 - >Security of ports and marine facilities; and
 - >Level of information sharing with international and industry partners, multi-lateral organizations, provinces and municipalities.

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Key Marine Security Initiatives

- Public-Private Partnerships
 - Marine Security Contribution Program \$115M
- Marine Transportation Security Clearance Program
- Collaboration
 - IMSWG
 - Marine Security
 Operations Centres
 - ISPS Code
 Implementation



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Public-Private Partnerships – Contribution Programs

- Transport Canada (TC), Canadian Port Authorities (CPA), and terminal operators work together
- Technology providers deal with CPA and terminal operators
- TC provides funding (75%) for projects approved in ISPS Code security plans

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Marine Transportation Security Clearance Program

- Background checks on key port workers
- Labour environment at Canadian ports
- Currently in consultation with industry and stakeholders
- Intended to reduce security risk at ports and facilities



Reasons for Security Clearances

- Transportation workers are key to successful implementation of security measures and can provide valuable information
- To ensure workers have not been infiltrated by terrorist or criminal organizations



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Canadian Approach to Introducing Background Checks

- In place in airports since 1986
- Work in partnership with terminal operators, port authorities, labour, and workers
- Risk-based decision to start with pilot projects



Defining who needs a security clearance

- Not all port workers will need to obtain a security clearance
- Initially, security clearances will be needed:
 - a) To work in R2 Areas (Level 2 restricted areas)
 - b) For jobs with certain designated duties

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Policy Coordination

- Transport Canada is the lead for Canadian marine security policy
- National Defence, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and Coast Guard are the operational arms to marine security
- All marine security initiatives are coordinated through the Interdepartmental Marine Security Working Group





Operations Coordination

- Marine Security Operations Centres (MSOCs) coordinate onwater activities and provide maritime domain awareness
- Currently, MSOCs are being established in Canada on the East and West coasts and Great Lakes
- · Multi-agency centres:
 - -Navy
 - -Federal Police
 - -Coast Guard
 - -Border Services
- -Transport
- MARSEC level changes/ vessel boardings



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ISPS Code Implementation

- Canada introduced the *Marine Transportation Security Regulations*, which implement the ISPS Code
- Certificates issued to:
 - 66 SOLAS vessels
 - 151 other vessels
 - 426 marine facilities





Conclusion

- Continued implementation of the ISPS Code is important and Canada is willing to assist in international capacity building
- Partnerships with the private sector and other government departments are key to success



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