

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**ON THE INTERNATIONAL SHIP AND PORT FACILITY SECURITY**  
**CODE**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND**  
**AND**  
**THE DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM**  
**OF**  
**GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

The Ministry of Transport of the Kingdom of Thailand by Marine Department ("MOT"), and the Department for Transport of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ("DFT"), (hereinafter referred to as "the Participants");

Considering the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, particularly Chapter XI-2 concerning "Special Measures to Enhance Maritime Security" and the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS Code) which entered into force in 2004 under SOLAS;

Recognising the mutual interest the Participants have on establishing a strong and effective working relationship on maritime security practices;

HAVE DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

**1. Purpose**

1.1 The aim of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to approve a common framework which enables the Participants to engage with one another to develop and establish national regulations which support the delivery of comprehensive and effective maritime security standards. Furthermore, this MOU provides a means by which the Participants will establish programmes to support the development of technical expertise in relation to maritime security relevant to the needs of the individual Participant, and to explore the possibility of extending co-operation and assistance in all areas of maritime security, to the mutual benefit of the Participants within the context of ISPS Code.

1.2 This MOU does not create any legally binding obligations upon the Participants and does not constitute a treaty under international law.

## **2. Areas of co-operation and assistance**

The Participants will aim to conduct technical activities, which may include:

- (a) Exchanging visits to Participants' ports/port facilities to observe and survey the level of implementation of the ISPS Code;
- (b) Organizing meetings, seminars, workshops, capacity development and consultancy activities connected with the maritime and port security domain and other issues of mutual interest related to maritime security;
- (c) Performing cooperation activities and specific work programmes on previously decided areas;
- (d) Collaborating on studies and projects involving the Participants' civil servants and consultants;
- (e) Interchanging printed and electronic materials, databases and other products where appropriate, except for confidential documents and data; and
- (f) Performing any other activity which the Participants deem appropriate and relevant to achieving the purpose of this MOU.

## **3. Representatives**

The Participants will nominate representatives for the coordination and the application of this MOU. Notice of any change of representatives will be provided in writing to the other Participant to ensure the continuity of this MOU.

## **4. Review of this MOU**

The Participants will meet, when it is necessary and in any event, once every three years to review the operation of this MOU and identify any potential improvements to it. The Participants will take turns in hosting the meeting at a mutually agreed location and may use teleconferencing or videoconferencing if so agreed. Each Participant shall be responsible for their own logistical arrangements.

## **5. Economic aspects**

This MOU will not involve any kind of economic contribution by the Participants, nor will it represent any financial commitment for either Participant.

## **6. Communications**

6.1 Any communications sent by the DFT regarding this MOU will be addressed to Marine Department, Ministry of Transport of the Kingdom of Thailand, No. 1278 Yotha Road, Talard Noi Sub-district, Samphanthawong District, Bangkok 10100, Thailand

6.2 Any communications sent by Marine Department, the Ministry of Transport of the Kingdom of Thailand, regarding this MOU will be addressed to Department for Transport, Great Minister House, IMSOT Zone 2/34, 33 Horseferry Road, London, SW1P 4DR, UK

6.3 Each Participant will inform the other Participant in writing if the addresses mentioned in either paragraph 6.1 or 6.2 above have changed. Upon receipt of such information the Participants will communicate as though the address in question was the address mentioned in either paragraph 6.1 or 6.2 above.

## **7. Interpretation and resolution of differences**

7.1 The Participants will interpret, fulfil and perform the contents of this MOU taking into account the spirit of collaboration and cooperation which infuses it and in good faith.

7.2 Any differences relating to the interpretation or application of this MOU will be settled by consultation between the Participants in a spirit of mutual understanding.

## **8. Validity and Termination of this MOU**

8.1 This MOU will come into effect on the date of its signing and will remain in effect for an indefinite period. This MOU may be terminated by either Participant by submitting a written notification to the other Participant through diplomatic channels. Such termination will take effect six months after the date of the receipt of such notification by the other Participant.

8.2 The termination of this MOU will not affect the completion of programmes, activities, or projects started by the Participants before the date of its termination, unless a Participant decides otherwise.

## **9. Amendment of this MOU**

This MOU may be amended by the joint decision of both Participants through an exchange of signed letters. The amendments will come into effect in accordance with the same procedure prescribed under paragraph 8.1, unless otherwise agreed.

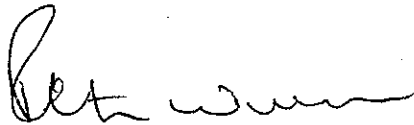
## 10. Relations with other existing international agreements

The provisions of this MOU do not affect the rights and obligations of the Participant arising out of the international agreements binding upon either Participant and their membership to international organisations.

Signed in duplicate at <sup>GREAT MINISTER</sup> ~~House~~ on <sup>27th</sup> ~~27th~~ September '22 in the English language.



On behalf of Marine Department, Ministry of Transport of the Kingdom of Thailand



On behalf of the Department for Transport of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland