

# Security a priority for Port of Vancouver

Together with terminal operators and other stakeholders, the Port of Vancouver is developing a five-year security program to comply with new Transport Canada regulations.

"Each phase of this security program will be implemented so as to minimize any adverse operational impacts to the movement of passengers and goods in and out of the port," the Vancouver Port Authority says.

Transport Canada has directed that by July 2004 all Canadian ports implement the International Maritime Organization's International Ship and Port Facility Security Code. This includes access control measures on port and terminal property, including access to vessels.

Ports must carry out security assessments on all port facilities and develop security plans for

submission to Transport Canada.

All persons requiring access to security areas must be issued with restricted area passes.

In Vancouver, development of an integrated vehicle access control system is already under way for specific access points to the port's south shore roadway. This system will be fully integrated with the photo ID program and the port authority's existing roadway traffic management system, including 24-hour closed-circuit television monitoring of port roadways and cruise terminals.

The access control program ensures a more secure port and contributes to the efficient movement of cargo along port roads, creating greater road capacity.

In addition, the port community photo ID card identifies port personnel and staff electronically. Already in place at the two cruise

terminals and expanded to cover an additional 6,500 personnel in 2002, the program is now being fully implemented to include the remaining port community.

The Vancouver Port Authority, the Canadian Coast Guard, other port authorities and carriers are continuing development of a hazardous goods application called CoastView, begun in 2001.

Due for completion by the end of this year, this innovative web-based system will provide centralized, real-time tracking of all dangerous goods movements along the West Coast of Canada.

Parties responsible for the management of dangerous goods will be able to obtain pertinent vessel location and cargo information by visiting a secure area of the Pacific Gateway Portal website.