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**Maritime industry applauds Ottawa for \$115 million
port security funding announcement**

Vancouver, BC—The Canadian Coalition for Maritime Security (CCMS) applauds the federal government for recognizing the importance of maritime security by announcing a \$115 million funding commitment over three years to assist ports and maritime facilities with security enhancements.

“The Coalition is encouraged by the federal government’s leadership on maritime security and its commitment to ensuring Canada’s ports and maritime operators remain internationally competitive,” said Tim Chapman, spokesperson for the Canadian Coalition for Maritime Security.

“Today’s announcement acknowledges the federal government’s role in assisting private operators in meeting the objectives of national security as it relates to marine security,” Chapman said.

“The federal government’s announcement brings port funding in line with the U.S. to ensure that Canada’s ports are viewed as safe, secure and competitive within the North American gateway system,” Chapman added.

While pleased with today’s announcement, the Coalition encourages the federal government to consider funding for maritime operators who have already incurred costs associated with security upgrades prior to the April 1, 2004 retroactive cut off date, and to recognize the role of vessel operators in the maritime industry.

The Canadian Coalition for Maritime Security represents private-sector maritime operators from British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia, in addition to maritime associations from across Canada on the issue of security at Canada’s ports.

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