

## Port of Vancouver in full compliance with international security standards

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The Port of Vancouver is in full compliance with new international maritime security requirements and continues to invest in new security measures, the Vancouver Port Authority has announced.

"The Port of Vancouver's maritime community has taken a leadership role on the west coast of Canada to work cooperatively to implement stringent security measures that meet or exceed new international standards," said Captain Chris Badger, the port's vice-president, customer development and operations. "The commitment to security by the port community extends past the July 1 deadline as we continue to make investments that ensure operational efficiencies and meet the highest security standards."

The International Ship and Port Security (**ISPS**) **code** is a new set of standards to detect and deter threats to maritime security. ISPS came into effect July 1. Under the arrangement, **ports** are required to enhance and upgrade their physical and operational security.

"Both the general public and our customers can be sure that the Port of Vancouver is more secure than ever before," said Badger.

The Port of Vancouver includes terminals at Roberts Bank in Delta.

Port terminal operators have invested as much as \$2 million each in enhancements to their own terminal security, while the port authority is investing \$12.8 million over five years to enhance the physical security of the Port of Vancouver. The VPA has implemented or enhanced barriers and equipment on and around port properties, including perimeter fencing, lighting, optical intrusion detection devices and closed-circuit camera surveillance.

The VPA employs fully automated gates and vehicle access control systems, so that only authorized vehicles and individuals can access south shore port property.