

LECTURE 10 • PSM-28 • 2 H

Vessel and Cargo Operations

Purpose. Secure the ship–port interface and cargo chain through clear roles, Declaration of Security decisions, people movement, custody, seals, exceptions and evidence.

Learning outcomes supported. 2, 4, 5, 6 and 9

Suggested time plan: Read and annotate 25 min | Research and collect evidence 35 min | Create the required output 50 min | Review 10 min | Total 2 h

Research questions

1. When is a Declaration of Security useful and what decisions should it clarify?
2. Where can custody, seal, manifest and release information become inconsistent?
3. How should cargo anomalies be contained, reported and handed over without destroying evidence?

Independent-learning activity

4. Map a fictional container from pre-arrival information through gate, stack, vessel loading and departure.
5. Identify responsibility, evidence and handover at each custody point.
6. Draft an exception pathway for a damaged seal, unmatched record or unauthorised person at the interface.
7. Prepare a short Declaration of Security decision checklist for elevated or unusual circumstances.

Recommended further reading

[IMO: SOLAS Chapter XI-2 and the ISPS Code](#)

[UK Government: Maritime security guidance](#)

[The Port Security Regulations 2009 \(SI 2009/2048\)](#)

[HSE: Dangerous Goods in Harbour Areas Regulations 2016 guidance \(L155\)](#)

Also use the corresponding London Gateway College lecture material and any tutor-approved local or sector source.