

SAFER PORTS INITIATIVE 2

Mission Statement



The highest standards of health, safety and skills in the ports industry are of paramount importance to us all. The Safer Ports Initiative, launched in 2002, promoted this concept. The Initiative set ambitious targets in accident reduction that were met one year ahead of schedule. This significant reduction in the ports industry accident rate demonstrated the proactive work undertaken by the industry. The second phase – Safer Ports Initiative 2 – will build on these improvements to further underline the commitment to improving industry standards and to develop the synergy between health, safety and skills.

Safer Ports Initiative 2 will provide a focus and impetus for the industry's combined work on health, safety and skills. It will be based on continuous improvement and set qualitative targets to facilitate that process.

The SPI2 sets out a range of aims – that have been agreed with key stakeholders – to assist the ports industry in achieving continuous improvement, which include:

- Consideration of health, safety and skills as interdependent elements of the industry business strategy
- Promotion of partnership working and sharing of good practice
- Active engagement of senior managers in the sensible management of risk
- Development of health and safety guidance for the ports industry
- Promotion of the uptake of industry National Occupational Standards, qualifications and accredited training at all levels of employment
- Uphold the ports industry as a good career opportunity
- Encourage active participation of all ports employees in the Initiative

We are committed to regular reviews of the development of the Safer Ports Initiative to ensure that sustainable and continuous improvement in the health and safety performance of our industry is delivered.

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