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P²SeMS: Port Protective Security Management System

The INTERPORTPOLICE standard for running security as one managed system

In one line: security that is owned at the top, built on risk and proven by evidence stops more and fails less than a collection of separate measures.

The challenge

Most authorities already invest heavily in security. What fails, again and again, is not the spending but the way the pieces are held together. Compliance-only security meets the letter of regulation while the real threat sits outside the audited scope. Perimeter-only security assumes the threat arrives at the fence. Event-driven security surges after each incident and decays between them.

Regulation such as the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code and International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Annex 17 sets the floor. Authorities need a way to build above it, and to show their boards, regulators, insurers and the public that their security actually works.

What it is

P²SeMS (P-squared SeMS: the two Ps are Port and Protective) is the INTERPORTPOLICE prevailing standard. It brings physical, personnel, information and cyber security together under one system: governed at board level, risk-proportionate, intelligence-led, whole-community and assurance-based. It builds on the United Kingdom Protective Security Management System (PSeMS), adapted for airports and seaports by our Standards and Practice Director.

The system runs as a continuous cycle, Plan, Execute, Verify, Act, aimed at Prevent, Protect and Prepare, and delivered through Education, Collaboration and Communication.

What it covers

Cycle stage	Chapters
Plan	Why P ² SeMS exists; responsibility and governance; the four security domains; risk and the risk register
The cycle	Plan · Execute · Verify · Act
Execute	The security community (See Say Act); intelligence-led security; operational capability; communications; readiness, crisis response and resilience; technology and data
Verify	Security assurance; operational assurance and certification
Act	Organisational learning; continual improvement

What it gives your authority

- One standard that police, security, operations and the board all work to.
- Practical steps for the first 90 days in every chapter, with clear roles.
- Evidence that security works, not only that it exists: a defensible record of due diligence.
- A path to certification under the Airport and Seaport Security Certified Standards (ASCS and SSCS), which also cover cruise ports.

Who it is for

Accountable managers, chiefs of police, security directors and training directors at airport, seaport and cruise port authorities.

How to take part

1. Start with a free, confidential self-assessment, available to vetted authorities, to find your readiness level and top three gaps.
2. Close the gaps using the P²SeMS Practitioner Guide and the five-day P²SeMS Workshop.

3. Re-assess each year and, when ready, seek certification. Certification is a paid service, discounted for members.

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