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Maritime UK
One voice for shipping, ports and maritime business

SHIPPING STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

**VIBRANT, QUALITY AND SUSTAINABLE SHIPPING:
Trading globally and fuelling national economic success**



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WHO ARE THE STRATEGIC PARTNERS?

The UK Government Departments with maritime interests work with a wide range of partners, in particular:

- Maritime UK, which is the trade association that brings together the shipping, ports and maritime business services sectors in the UK.

WHY IS UK SHIPPING IMPORTANT?

- The direct contribution of shipping to the economy is estimated at between £4.5bn and £5.6bn. Additional research indicates that shipping makes a wider contribution of up to £12.5 billion in total (direct, indirect and induced impact). In 2012, shipping directly contributed £3.1bn to the UK's trade balance.
- UK seafarers are internationally recognised as highly skilled and UK officers are in demand. The total number of officer cadets in training peaked at 2,160 in 2011/2012, more than double the number in 2001/2002.
- UK flag is on the White Lists of Paris MoU and Tokyo MoU and is also included in the US Coastguard Qualship 21 initiative. It is a testimony to the quality of the UK flag that it has seen substantial growth in size since the late 1990s.

WHY HAVE A STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP?

By working together with common purpose, we can achieve more. This dynamic strategic framework will:

- improve cross Government understanding of different Departmental policy considerations on ports and shipping;
- facilitate a Ministerial/industry discussion programme;
- agree joint priorities and actions; and
- provide a cohesive platform for future strategic development.

HOW DOES THE STRATEGIC PLAN WORK?

It sets out an overview:

This plan sets out in a simple graphic form the various activities being taken forward by Government, by industry and by other interested parties (including the Trades Unions) in order to deliver our overarching ambition of

VIBRANT, QUALITY AND SUSTAINABLE SHIPPING.

It clarifies tasking:

It is intended that the more detailed version of the plan will be updated regularly with the specific initiatives being pursued by different parties at any time with clear deadlines.

It will evolve dynamically:

This plan is not intended to be a set piece. It will evolve as new actions, tasks and decisions are shaped and agreed.

WHAT ARE THE PRIORITIES?

For the next twelve to eighteen months, the Government, the industry and the trade unions have jointly identified three priorities: training provisions, holistic fiscal package, and effective international engagement. We will work to deliver these priorities and periodically review them.

1. TRAINING PROVISIONS

The Government, the industry and the trade unions will work together to attract and to provide training for UK seafarers so that they are attractive to employers and have the additional skills that allow them to compete against cheaper labour markets. This includes the promotion of maritime careers and the take-up of maritime apprenticeships and cadet training to provide the longer-term, skilled maritime professionals needed to work in the wider maritime sector (e.g. ports, business services and manufacturing).

2. HOLISTIC FISCAL PACKAGE

The Government and the industry will work together to maintain a holistic fiscal package that attracts shipping to the UK. This includes an internationally competitive Tonnage Tax regime with training obligations for participating companies. The package needs to be stable enough to encourage investment, yet flexible to respond to the demands of the global market.

3. EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

Shipping is a global industry and effective international engagement is crucial to the success of the UK shipping. Therefore, the Government, the industry and the trade unions will work together to shape international outcomes and to promote the UK plc in the international arena. We will continue to maintain that international standards should be globally applicable and originate from the IMO and ILO.

HOW WILL WE EVALUATE?

This is a rolling strategic programme and we will undertake to evaluate its achievements and development in summer 2014.

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