

## 2019 ASEAN Regional Forum Concept Paper

**Activity Title:** International Ship and Port Facility Security Code Training Series and Manual

**Co-Chairs:** **Country Name** and the United States of America

**Background:** The United States trades more than 20 million twenty foot equivalent units of containerized cargo and 50 million metric tons of non-containerized cargo from EAP countries annually. These maritime shipments represent approximately 70% of the US's overall containerized trade and 10% of its non-containerized trade. One of every five ships calling into the US comes from an EAP port daily. According to the US Coast Guard International Port Security Program's Models, seven EAP countries are in the worst tenth percentile of port security performance globally, while six countries are in the worst 30<sup>th</sup> percentile of maritime threat potential. For decades, the US Coast Guard has worked alongside Southeast Asia maritime agencies to identify, assess, and train, port facility owners to ensure safety protocols and international mandates are effectively enforced. In 2006, APEC published a complementary manual on ISPS drills and exercises, this manual will seek to leverage that existing body of work with specific examples and insights from ARF member-states.

**Objective:** To increase member-state understanding and implementation of the requirements under the International Maritime Organization's Safety of Life At Sea Convention on International and Ship and Port Facility Security Code. This proposal will culminate in the development of a regional manual highlighting best practices of implementation, identifying compliance drills and exercises, and providing resources for technical assistance. This proposal will also help build National Maritime Point of Contact coordination through the reinforcement of Area Maritime Security Committees and multi-stakeholder communication and information sharing protocols.

**Maritime Security Priority Area:** This proposal will further the goals under the 2018-2019 ARF Maritime Security Work Plan, *Priority area 3: Capacity Building and Enhancing Cooperation of Maritime Law Enforcement Agencies in the Region.*

**Proposal:** The United States and (**country**) propose to organize a three-part series of technical support engagements that will focus on increasing country understanding and compliance with the ISPS Code. These engagements will comprise of an in class workshop, a training drill, and a table top exercise/drill. Throughout these engagements, countries will work together to develop a regional Best Practices Manual, that will gather exemplary models and practices from ports within the ARF, include practical drills and exercises, and identify key resources for effective port management and security.

This series will take place from Fall 2019 through Summer 2020. The manual would be officially tabled at the 2020 ISM for country edits and adoption at the 2020 ARF Ministerial. We anticipate approximately 50-60 participants as described below.

**Participants:** To be optimally effective, this workshop will target officials from line agencies directly involved in fisheries management, fisheries coordination, maritime law enforcement,

and port security. Ideally, key agency focal points would participate in this series and the points of contact directory workshop separately proposed.

**Date and Venue:** This series will take place in the third quarter of calendar year 2019 and conclude at the 2020 ARF Ministerial with the adoption of the manual.

**Administrative Arrangements:** The co-chairs would share the administrative costs of the series, including the venue, meeting preparations, travel costs for expert presenters, and working dinners and lunches. International travel, accommodations, and other related cost necessary for workshop participation would be borne by the respective participants.

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