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Port Facility Security Officer Training

International (ISPS Code) and national regulations stipulate that all port terminal facilities that harbour international ships must appoint a ISPS trained and certified security officer (PFSO, Port Facility Security Officer).

GEOS is holding three sessions to train Port Facility Security Officers in Paris on April 26 - 30, May 17 - 21, and June 21 - 25.

Context

Today, more than 90% of merchandise is transported by sea. The sector faces a wide range of threats, including terrorism, sea piracy, port terminal crime and illegal immigration. To mitigate these threats, GEOS, drawing from over a decade of international security management experience, assists you with national and international regulatory compliance (International Ship & Port Security - ISPS Code), and delivers dedicated risk prevention and management services.

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Public:

- **management staff at port facilities and port terminals**
- **personnel likely to have responsibilities in the area of ISPS**
- **professionnals seeking employment in the area of maritime and port terminal security**

What is PFSO training?

Law dated 17 June 2004 stipulates the terms whereby a Port Facility Security Officer Training Certificate to ISPS (International Ship and Port Security) standard can be delivered, as well as the contents of the corresponding training session.

GEOS is certified by the French government to deliver Port Facility Security Officer (PFSO) training certificates to candidates who comply with the following terms:

1. « Give proof of Port Facility Security Officer training at a certified training centre » (GEOS).
2. « Pass the examination proving that candidates have required qualifications » (organised on final day of the course).
3. « Port Facility Security Officer Training is certified by the director of the approved training centre » (GEOS).

The programme In compliance with terms of Law dated 17 June 2004

Objective and teaching method

Trainees who successfully take this course must be able to perform the duties of a Port Facility security agent as set out in section A/17.2 of the ISPS Code and which includes (non exhaustive list) :

1. Conduct a preliminary security audit of port facility;
2. Coordinate drafting and updating of security plan of port facility (PFSP);
3. Implement port facility security plan and proceed with drills to ensure compliance;
4. Conduct regular security inspections of port facility;
5. Recommend and incorporate modifications to PFSP to rectify gaps and update the plan to cover relevant changes affecting port facility;
6. Ensure that personnel in charge of port facility security have received appropriate training;
7. Coordinate implementation of PFSP with security agent(s) of company and ship;
8. Coordinate with public authorities competent in the area of security;
9. Ensure that security equipment is correctly used, tested, calibrated and maintained;
10. Assist the ship security officer with authenticating the identity of persons seeking to board the ship.

The trainers combine analysis of regulatory aspects, ISPS state of the art, with case studies from their own career.

GEOS Leading the Industry:

French and European risk and crisis management leader

12 years experience providing security to overseas operations and business

Maritime and port terminal security **trainers with longstanding experience in the field**

Theory classes are illustrated with real-life case studies

Training can be customised to your sector of activity, with the inclusion of **bespoke sessions**

GEOS is a certified training centre and a state-authorized ISPS training provider (Autorisation n° 047/2009 DRAM-BN)

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The Group delivers operational support to clients operating in hostile business environments, with a comprehensive package of solutions ranging from audit, consultancy, assistance to crisis management. GEOS enables its clients to take advantage of business opportunities and to better assess and control both international (political, security, terrorist), and business risk (competition, white collar crime, fraud, counterfeiting).

GEOS in 2010:

480 full-time staff, a turnover of more than 41 million euro in 2009, operations in more than 80 countries, 18 international branches (Algeria, Colombia, Nigeria, Brazil, Mexico, Iraq, Argentina, etc.) and many clients from all sectors of activity.