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Durban: Transport Minister Jeff Radebe will officially launch the Maritime Security Audits at a function to be held in Durban. Also expected to attend is the KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Bheki Cele.

The launch of the Security Audits forms part of a process of port security auditing aimed at determining what security measures are appropriate in ensuring the security of ships and port resources and facilities.

The International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS Code) provides for a standardized, consistent framework for evaluating risk, thus assisting governments to deal with threat levels that could lead to the vulnerability of ships and port facilities.

The Security Audits and the ISPS Code will enable, among others;

- setting of applicable maritime security level;
- determining the port facilities which will be required to designate a Port Facility Security Officer;
- approving a Port Facility Security Plan;
- establishing the requirements for a Declaration of Security.

South Africa boasts a broad ports facilities service based on approved plans; with the Port of Durban demarcated into 27 facilities, East London into 6, Cape Town into 12, Port Elizabeth into 9, Richards Bay into 8, Saldanha into 4 and the Port of Mossel Bay having only one facility.

The Minister will also officially sign the Maritime Security Questionnaire which will be used to gather relevant and critical information relating to Maritime security.

The details of the event are as follows:

Date: Tuesday 01 July 2008

Time: 18h00 for 18h30

Venue: Port of Durban

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NB: Members of the media are requested to confirm attendance for accreditation and logistics purposes.

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