



Port Boulogne Calais: the only European port to obtain quadruple ISO certification for all its sites and activities

Calais - 28 May 2019: Port Boulogne Calais has just obtained simultaneous certification of its management systems in the fields of Quality, Environment, Health and Safety at Work and, finally, Food Safety. It now meets the international standards ISO 9001, ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001 and ISO 22000.

After more than three years of effort, a complete overhaul of its organisation and a major commitment on the part of its employees, Port Boulogne Calais now meets the latest versions of four Quality standards of the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO and OHSAS for the 18001 standard).

The ISO 22000 standard covers only the Boulogne-sur-Mer site, France's leading fishing port and Europe's leading seafood processing centre. This allows Port Boulogne Calais to guarantee the control of risks related to food safety for its customers in the Capécure industrial zone.

After a lengthy audit, the DNV-GL certification body has validated the standards.

Our declared ambition: to become the leading port in Europe

Port Boulogne Calais made the ambitious choice, as early as 2015 when it signed the concession contract awarded by the Hauts de France Region, to carry out a simultaneous certification programme encompassing all its activities, and on its two sites in Boulogne-sur-Mer and Calais.

As a consequence, in May 2019, it became the only European port, and this is without precedent, to obtain the quadruple certification of all its activities.

It is worth noting that ISO and OHSAS quality management standards are the most widely used standards worldwide and are based on international managerial standards.

One goal: excellence

The certifications issued cover a period of 3 years. However, Port Boulogne Calais has chosen a half-yearly audit, rather than an annual one, to ensure the continuous improvement of its organisation.

This quadruple certification is the result of long, hard work but it aims above all, for Port Boulogne Calais, to provide the best service to its customers and partners today and tomorrow with Calais Port 2015.

Our organisation wishes to go even further in its aim for excellence and will commit itself in the coming months to a process to achieve the ISO 26000 standard on social responsibility.

Jean-Marc Puissesseau, Chief Executive Officer of Port Boulogne Calais, reports: *"It is a source of both very great satisfaction and very great pride. Never before has a single port in France and Europe embarked on such an ambitious certification programme. Port Boulogne Calais is becoming a real benchmark. This is how we are demonstrating our organisation's ambition and willingness to become "more than just a port".*

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About Port Boulogne Calais

On 22 July 2015, the Port of Boulogne-sur-Mer and the Port of Calais became, under the Delegation of Public Service granted by the Hauts-de-France Region, the owner of these two ports, the single port "Port Boulogne Calais".

Operated by the Société d'Exploitation des Ports du Déroit (SEPD - Strait Ports Operation Company) whose head office is located in Calais, Port Boulogne Calais is a port platform covering the sites of Boulogne-sur-Mer and Calais. It is France's leading fishing port and leading passenger port, the second largest European port for ro-ro traffic (roll on-roll off) and leading European centre for the processing and marketing of seafood, and the third largest port in France for goods.

Under the public service delegation, the SEPD was entrusted with implementing the "Calais Port 2015" development project, which is expected to be commissioned in January 2021. Calais Port 2015 is one of the major French projects of the decade and 1st maritime project of the Juncker plan for priority infrastructure in the European Union.

The SEPD has entrusted the completion of this project to the Société des Ports du Déroit company.