

# GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

## Background

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**General Data Protection Regulation** (GDPR) (EU) 2016/679 is a regulation in EU law on data protection and privacy for all individuals within the European Union and the European Economic Area. It also addresses the export of personal data outside the EU and EEA.

The law is a replacement for the **Data Protection Directive** of 1995, which has until now set the minimum standards for processing data in the EU. GDPR will significantly strengthen rights for:

- **Individuals** who will be able to exercise more control over how companies hold and use their personal data;
- **Regulators** who will be able to use much greater enforcement actions against companies who are deemed to have contravened the new regulations.

## Port of Blyth Statement

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Port of Blyth and its subsidiaries are committed to ensuring all data, including that related to all stakeholders including clients and customers is held and maintained in a secure environment and in a way that complies with local and EU legislation on data protection and handling.

In recognition of the new GDPR legislation coming into force on 25 May 2018, Port of Blyth and its subsidiaries are taking steps to ensure compliance, and want to reassure its stakeholders that our robust procedures and systems will continue to safeguard sensitive data.

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