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FOREWORD

The overall objective of the *Guidebook* is to provide ports with the basic skills and information needed to establish and maintain appropriate and cost-effective insurance and risk management programs. It is designed to serve as a practical "how-to" manual and educational reference text. While it is written from a port's point of view and geared toward the basics of insurance and risk management, experienced port risk managers and other organizations in the industry should find it valuable also.

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