

FACT SHEET

SEA TRANSPORT (BUNKERING) INDUSTRY DIGITAL PLAN

Background

1. The Sea Transport Industry is a key pillar of the Singapore Maritime Cluster, which contributes to about 7% of the nation's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and employs about 170,000 people. As Singapore advances its role as a Global Maritime Hub for Connectivity, Innovation and Talent, digitalisation and automation will significantly change the Sea Transport landscape. The availability of digital tools will help small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in the Sea Transport Bunkering sub-sector to better streamline their processes and forge strong inter-linkages across the maritime cluster. This helps them to improve their competitiveness and access more revenue streams.

Sea Transport (Bunkering) Industry Digital Plan

2. Aligned to the Sea Transport Industry Transformation Map (ITM) launched in January 2018, the Sea Transport (Bunkering) Industry Digital Plan (IDP) is part of the SMEs Go Digital programme¹ that aims to make going digital simple for SMEs.

¹ www.imda.gov.sg/SMEsGoDigital



3. The Infocomm Media Development Authority, in partnership with the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore and the industry, jointly developed the Sea Transport (Bunkering) IDP to guide SMEs in their digital transformation efforts. It provides SMEs in the bunkering sub-sector with a step-by-step guide on digital solutions and workforce training relevant for them. The IDP will be updated over time as the industry progresses and newer, more relevant technologies are introduced.
4. The three-stage Digital Roadmap of the IDP charts out the digital solutions that bunkering SMEs can adopt at each stage of their growth. Larger enterprises in the Sea Transport industry can also use the digital roadmap to guide their digital journey.

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DIGITAL ROADMAP FOR BUNKERING

This Digital Roadmap serves as a guide for your business as you embark on your digital journey.

STAGE 01

GETTING DIGITAL ECONOMY READY

Streamlined Operations
Optimised Resources



Bunker Barge Planning System



Bunker Fuel Data Profiling



Bunker Sales Management



**Video Surveillance and
Monitoring System**

STAGE 02

GROWING IN THE DIGITAL ECONOMY

Integrated Insights
Collaborative Ecosystem



**Advanced Vessel
Management**



**Electronic Bunker
Delivery Note (e-BDN)**

STAGE 03

LEAPING AHEAD

Autonomous Operations
Intelligent Business



**Blockchain for
Bunkering Transactions**



Just In Time (JIT) Platform



Smart Vessels

BUSINESS CAPABILITIES

Accounting Management, Human Resource Management, Customer Relationship Management,
Sales Management, Inventory Management, Fleet Management and Cybersecurity

Note: The roadmap will be progressively updated to reflect the advent of new digital tools and technologies for the industry.

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- **Stage 1: Getting Digital Economy Ready.** The first stage aims to help bunkering SMEs be prepared for the digital economy through basic digital solutions that enable them to optimise their operations and channel resources into providing higher-value work.
 - **Stage 2: Growing in the Digital Economy.** The second stage highlights digital solutions that enable bunkering SMEs to participate in collaborative and integrated ecosystems to maximise their resources and business value.
 - **Stage 3: Leaping Ahead.** The third stage identifies advanced digital technologies, such as blockchain for bunkering transactions and automated navigation, that bunkering SMEs can adopt to gain a competitive edge to be forerunners in the provision of Port Operations and Services.
5. The IDP also includes a Digital Roadmap on Training to ensure that the industry's workforce is adequately equipped with the necessary skills to adopt digital solutions. This enables them to handle the challenges that come with digital transformation.

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DIGITAL SKILLS NEEDED

DIGITAL ROADMAP ON TRAINING



6. SMEs can also use the online Self-Assessment Checklist to assess their digital readiness and identify opportunities to go digital based on their current business operations, level of digitalisation and business expansion plans. For more information on the Sea Transport (Bunkering) IDP, visit: www.imda.gov.sg/sea-transport-idp.

SMEs Go Digital

7. The sector-specific IDPs are central to the SMEs Go Digital programme. The programme also comprises the following:

- **Pre-Approved Solutions**

To make it easy for SMEs to adopt digital solutions recommended in the Sea Transport (Bunkering) IDP, IMDA provides a list of pre-approved solutions assessed to be market-proven, cost-effective and supported by reliable vendors. SMEs can visit the MPA website (<https://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/maritime-companies/research-development/industry-digital-plan>) for the contact information of the pre-approved solution providers.

If funding support is required, SMEs can apply for the Sea Transport IDP Grant with MPA, before purchasing and implementing the digital solutions. SMEs can also participate in digital projects that are jointly initiated by IMDA and industry leaders. Such projects pilot new digital solutions or platforms that have the potential to uplift the whole sector.

- **Start Digital**

For SMEs that are just starting their business or are new to digital technology, they can take up a **Start Digital Pack**² to begin their business right with foundational and competitively-priced digital solutions. New SMEs can take up any two solutions free for at least six months with a minimum 18-month contract period from five categories: Accounting, Human Resources Management & Payroll, Digital Marketing, Digital Transactions and Cybersecurity. The solutions are pre-approved by IMDA and offered by Start Digital Partners like DBS, M1, Maybank, OCBC, Singtel and UOB.

² www.imda.gov.sg/StartDigital

- **Consultancy Services**

For a more comprehensive review of their business, SMEs can approach Business Advisors at their nearest **SME Centre**³ for business diagnosis and advisory on digital solutions relevant to their operations. SMEs that require specialist consultancy on sophisticated technologies, such as data analytics and cybersecurity, will be referred to the Principal Consultants at the **SME Digital Tech Hub**⁴. These digital consultancy services are provided at no cost to SMEs.

- **Digital Project Management Services**

SMEs can consider engaging **Digital Project Management Services**⁵ to support them in the implementation of digital solutions. The project managers can help with business process re-engineering and job redesign to get the maximum benefits and achieve more sustainable outcomes from going digital.

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³ List of SME Centres can be found [here](#)

⁴ For more information, visit: www.digitaltechhub.sg

⁵ Digital Project Management Services can be accessed [here](#)

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The Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA) leads Singapore's digital transformation with infocomm media. To do this, IMDA will develop a dynamic digital economy and a cohesive digital society, driven by an exceptional infocomm media (ICM) ecosystem – by developing talent, strengthening business capabilities, and enhancing Singapore's ICM infrastructure. IMDA also regulates the telecommunications and media sectors to safeguard consumer interests while fostering a pro-business environment, and enhances Singapore's data protection regime through the Personal Data Protection Commission.

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The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) was established on 2 February 1996, with the mission to develop Singapore as a premier global hub port and international maritime centre (IMC), and to advance and safeguard Singapore's strategic maritime interests. MPA is the driving force behind Singapore's port and maritime development, taking on the roles of Port Authority, Port Regulator, Port Planner, IMC Champion, and National Maritime Representative. MPA partners the industry and other agencies to enhance safety, security and environmental protection in our port waters, facilitate port operations and growth, expand the cluster of maritime ancillary services, and promote maritime R&D and manpower development.

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