



Press Release

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Richard J. Douglas joins Cotecna from the Pentagon

Richard J. Douglas joined Cotecna, Inc. COSEC on February 2, 2009 in Washington, D.C. as Vice President for Business Development and Corporate Relations.

Previously Mr. Douglas served in the Pentagon as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for counter-narcotics and counter-proliferation. He led one of the Pentagon's largest portfolios and was responsible for billion-dollar programs answering challenges such as narcotics trafficking, nuclear proliferation, border security, and pandemic illnesses.

Mr. Douglas is a licensed attorney with private and international law experience. At the U.S. Justice Department he managed extradition and judicial assistance with Switzerland, Mexico, and Spain. He is also an expert on the U.S. Congress and served as Chief Counsel at the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and General Counsel at the Senate Intelligence Committee. He served in the Foreign Service in Mexico and Spain, and with the U.S. Mission to the Organization of American States.

Mr. Douglas began his career with the National Association of Stevedores in Washington. He has in-depth experience with the maritime industry and in the Pentagon he was the senior civilian official responsible to the Secretary of Defense for defense oceans policy, maritime interdiction, the Proliferation Security Initiative, and piracy.

Douglas is a reserve naval officer with service in Iraq in 2006 and on a U.S. submarine in the 1970s. He has professional experience in Afghanistan, Russia, Pakistan, India, Africa, China, Central Asia, and Latin America. He speaks Spanish.

COSEC is the division of Cotecna responsible for the development, sales and implementation of supply chain security solutions. COSEC has extensive hands-on experience in trade security and visibility services of containers in transit, from the point of origin and at the different nodes of the supply chain. The team has experience and expertise from the following areas: supply chain, transportation and inter-modal cargo security, air cargo security, port and maritime security, freight rail security, container security, explosive and radiation detection, and supply chain security compliance programs.

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