The Hamburg Port Authority (HPA) is a commercially oriented institution under public law. With a total workforce of 1,900 employees, it manages all duties related to the area of the port of Hamburg.

Among these duties are port planning and port development, maintenance of the port infrastructure, guaranteeing the required fairway depths as well as ensuring the safety of navigation. The institution is in charge of around 300 km of rail tracks, 147 bridges, 140 km of roads and 55 km of quay walls as well as tunnels, locks and lighthouses.

The HPA offers its customers an all-purpose port, located 120 km far into the inland, with competitive site advantages. It is the owner of most of the port land and leases it out to enterprises of the port industry on a long-term basis.

When performing the duties, the management of the HPA takes care to strike a balance between ecology and economy. The port disposes of excellent hinterland connections, whereby the modal-split share of cargo moved by rail and inland waterway carriers is growing.

**CORE DUTIES**

- Port planning and development
- Expansion and maintenance of the port infrastructure
- Maintenance of the port water bodies
- Sovereign duties: Maintaining the required shipping channel depths, ensuring the navigational safety of vessel traffic, flood protection

**FACTS & FIGURES**

**LAND**
- Total port land: 7,155 ha
- Total land area: 4,198 ha
- Total water area: 2,957 ha
- Total Freihafen (Free Port) area: 1,634 ha
- Port expansion area: 833 ha

**WATERFRONT STRUCTURES**
- Public flood protection line: 30 km
- Private flood protection walls: 100 km
- Waterfront structures: 160 km

**PORT RAILWAY**
- Railroad switches: ca. 880
- Railway Tracks: ca. 300 km

**BRIDGE/LOCK CONSTRUCTION**
- Total number of bridges: 142
- Port railway bridges: 61
- Road bridges: 56
- Movable bridges: 10

**MORE FACTS & FIGURES**

- 132 km of public roads in the port of Hamburg
- 302 traffic structures designed by transport engineering
- 52 km of wharves
- 320 ocean-going vessel berths, of which 38 are giant vessel berths