

IMPERIAL HUB STATION K218 (ESTARCION OUTPOST)

Astronavigation Data: Estarcion Sector, Expansion Region

Orbital Metrics: 368 days per year/24 hours per day (artificially maintained to Coruscant standard)

Government: Imperial commander/administrator

Population: 12,000 (Human 78%, other 22%)

Languages: Basic

Terrain: Space station

Major Cities: N/A

Areas of Interest: Vendors, hangar levels

Major Exports: Various vendor goods

Major Imports: Consumables

Trade Routes: Corellian Trade Spine, Estarcion Crossover

Background: A space station that was originally constructed by the Trade Federation three years before the Battle of Naboo, Estarcion Outpost, as it was called, was designed as a commercial facility along several prominent trade routes. It was built to accommodate 80 permanent vendors, including living quarters and recreational facilities for the residents and administrative staff. In addition, there were facilities for 20 short-term vendors. While accommodations could also be provided for the few customers who intended to stay for more than a standard day, the station was intended more for short visits to obtain goods and services.

Following the rise of the Empire, the military took control of the station due to its placement along trade routes, and was rechristened Imperial Hub Station K218. The Empire used the station to monitor traffic along those trade routes and stage local strikes as necessary. To this end, two *Pursuit*-class cruisers, two *Interdictor*-class cruisers, and one *Victory*-class Star Destroyer were assigned to duties staged from K218.



A CONSTANT PRESENCE

While control and administration of the station changed several times over the years, many of its operations and functions stayed a constant. The Trade Federation used Estarcion Outpost for purely commercial reasons. The Empire continued many of the commercial functions, while adding a military presence.

Following the Galactic Civil War, the New Republic assumed control of the station, reaching an accord with the resident vendors, who agreed to the New Republic running the day-to-day administrative duties and keeping a small military presence, in exchange for the vendors' ability to rescind the Republic's invitation to administer. At this time, Trevor Vanth – formerly of Wraith Task Force – assumed command of the station.

