

INFORMATION LETTER 001-2001

to

all Owners, Managing Owners, Filing Agents and Crewing Companies operating ships under the flag of Antigua and Barbuda or employing seafarers serving on ships registered under the flag of Antigua and Barbuda.

<u>Subject:</u>	NEW SEAFARER'S BOOK NEW FEE STRUCTURE FOR SEAFARER'S DOCUMENTS
<u>Reference</u>	STCW 1978, as amended Antigua and Barbuda Merchant Shipping Act as amended (MSA) Information letter 003-1999, Circular 01 003-98

1. SEAFARER'S BOOKS

With effect from 01 July 2001 Seafarer's Books issued by this Administration will get a new layout according to pictures 1 -4.

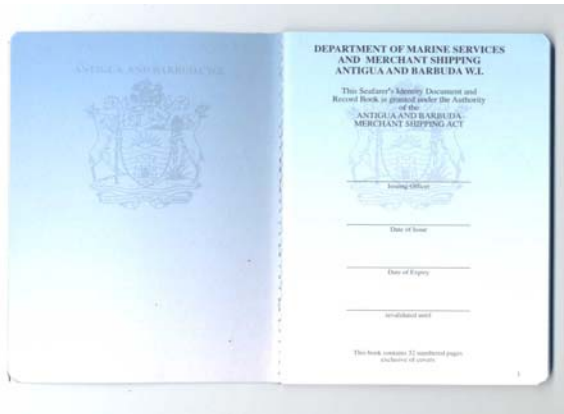


Picture 1 Cover

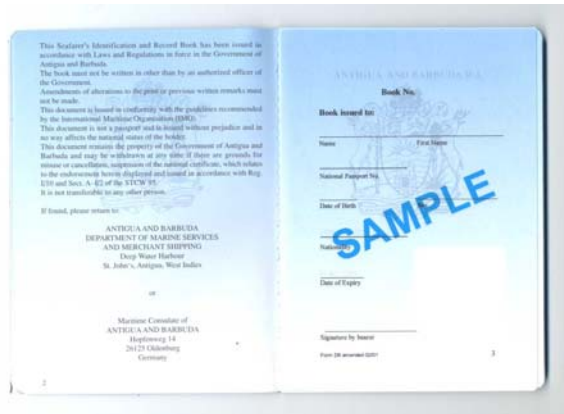
This measure is a contribution to the improvement of the forgery-proof standard of STCW documents.

The new Seafarer's Books will replace the Seafarer's Books which have been issued by this Administration since 1998. Seafarer's Books issued until 30 June 2001 will remain in force until the date of expiry stated in the Seafarer's Book.

A seafarer holding already a Seafarer's Book issued before 01 July 2001 and applying for an endorsement according to STCW 95, will get the endorsement as self-adhesive label to be inserted on the relevant pages of the Seafarer's Book.



Picture 2 Page 1



Picture 3 Pages 2 - 3

Page 3 of the Seafarer's Book as well as the endorsement(s), if applied for, will be protected by a transparent film. The transparent film covers the stamp and the signature of the issuing officer. The bearer has to sign the documents on the top side of the film.



Picture 4 Pages 4 - 5

2. ENDORSEMENTS (STCW 95)

Endorsements for **deck-, engine officers** and **masters** will be printed on new label paper, except those which will be inserted into the Seafarer's Books issued before 01 July 2001. The endorsements will show below the page number on which the endorsement should be inserted into the Seafarer's Book.

With effect from 01 July 2001 **GMDSS certificates** will be endorsed in the same way as the endorsements for deck-, engine officers and masters. It is highly recommended to all Owners, Managing Owners, Filing Agents and Crewing Companies to ensure that masters and deck officers are in possession of a valid national GMDSS certificate which can be endorsed by this Administration.

Other **Special Qualifications** (Tankerman, AB, Motorman etc.) can be attested on request of the applying company by a stamp on the relevant pages of the Seafarer's Book.

3. FEE STRUCTURE

Due to improved quality of Seafarer's Documents, the fee structure will be modified and enter into force on 01. July 2001 as follows:

Certificate of Competency according to STCW 78 (valid latest until 31 January 2002)	USD 50,00
Endorsement deck/engine according to STCW 1978, as amended	USD 75,00
Endorsement GMDSS certificate	USD 50,00
Seafarer's Book	USD 80,00
Renewal	USD 50,00
Special Qualification (if requested)	USD 30,00

With reference to the completion of application form D1 we refer to information letter 003-1999 and circular 01 003-98.