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		Subject	Mandatory Ship Reporting

**Circular letter to:**

**all companies having registered their ships under the flag of Antigua and Barbuda W.I.;  
all ships registered under the flag of Antigua and Barbuda W.I.**

- The Department of Marine Services and Merchant Shipping wish to draw the attention of companies, masters and officers to the mandatory ship reporting system, which entered into force on 03<sup>rd</sup> of June 1997 for the

**Great Belt Traffic Area (GBT)  
Strait of Gibraltar  
Off Finisterre**

For the “**Great Belt Traffic Area**” the following categories of ships are required to participate in the system:

- ships with a gross tonnage equal to or exceeding 50 GT, and
- all ships with an air draught of 15 metres or more.

The GBT provides an information service to shipping in the area.

Ships shall submit their reports when entering the VTS area defined by the following reporting lines which are also identical to the boundary of the VTS area:

Southbound ships: when passing latitude 55° 35'. N

Northbound ships: when passing a line connecting the following points:

Stignæs: 55° 12'.00 N, 011° 15'.40 E (Gulfs Oil's Pier)  
Omø: 55° 08'.40 N, 011° 09'.00 E (Ørespids, Omø)  
55° 05'.00 N, 011° 09'.00 E (At sea South of Ørespids)  
Langeland E: 55° 05'.00 N, 010° 56'.10 E (Snøde Øre)  
Langeland W: 55° 00'.00 N, 010° 48'.70 E (South of Korsebølle Rev)  
Thurø Rev: 55° 01'.20 N, 010° 44'.40 E (Thurø Rev Lightbuoy)

Ships shall submit their report on departure from a point within the VTS area.

This amendment will be implemented at 00:00 hrs UTC on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2006.

- For the “**Strait of Gibraltar**” the following general categories of ships are required to participate in the system:

- all ships of 50 metres or more in length overall
- all ships carrying hazardous and or potentially polluting cargo
- ships engaged in towing or pushing another vessel where the overall length of both units exceeds 50 metres.
- any category of vessel less than 50 metres in length overall which is using the appropriate traffic lane or separation zone in order to engage in fishing, and
- any category of ships less than 50 metres in length overall which is using the appropriate traffic lane or separation zone in an emergency in order to avoid immediate danger.

The reporting system (GIBREP) cover the area between longitude 005° 58' W and 005° 15' W. This area includes the traffic separation scheme in the Strait of Gibraltar and in the designated inshore traffic zone.

For the “**Off Finisterre Traffic Area**” the following categories of ships are required to participate in the system:

- all ships of 50 metres or more in length overall
- all ships carrying hazardous and or potentially polluting cargo
- ships engaged in towing or pushing another vessel where the overall length of both units exceeds 50 metres.
- any category of vessel less than 50 metres in length overall which is using the appropriate traffic lane or separation zone in order to engage in fishing, and
- any category of ships less than 50 metres in length overall which is using the appropriate traffic lane or separation zone in an emergency in order to avoid immediate danger.

The reporting system (FINREP) will cover the area between the coast and the following lines:

- a bearing of 130° to Cape Villano lighthouse
- a bearing of 075° to Cape Finisterre Lighthouse, and
- the meridian of longitude 010° 10.0' W.

This area includes the traffic separation scheme “Off Finisterre” and associated inshore traffic zones.

3. Companies and ships shall pay attention at all time to all sources providing navigational reports, navigational aid and other navigational warnings concerning all kind of “Ship Reporting Systems” all over the world. Ship’s command has to be aware of changes and amendments in their regard at any time.

**Department of Marine Services and Merchant Shipping  
of Antigua and Barbuda W.I.**