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Circular letter to:

all companies having registered their ships under the flag of Antigua and Barbuda W.I.;
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1. The Department of Marine Services and Merchant Shipping wish to draw the attention of companies, masters and officers to the phasing out of Halon as a standard extinguishant.
2. Existing fixed Halon systems on board EU-flagged ships are to be phased out by 1 January 2004 or earlier if a major refit is undertaken.
3. The requirements out of EU-decree 2037/2000 do not apply to Antigua and Barbuda flagged ships for the time being. Until appropriate Halon banking facilities were established, Halon needs not to be withdrawn from existing systems.
4. At the same time it must be stressed out, that from the 1 January 2004 on no refill or supply of Halon in EU-ports will be possible, which in case of loss of Halon onboard the individual ship (leakage, fire) may cause a major problem.
5. It is to be expected that even the supply of a one-off provision, essential for the safe operation of the ship, will not be available in EU-ports. This Administration will not take any exemption procedures into consideration.

Oldenburg, November 2003

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