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**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.**

**Ship Security Alert System (SSAS)**

(cont. from Circular 02-003-03)

**1. General**

This circular provides further functions and requirements of Antigua and Barbuda regarding the SSAS according to SOLAS XI-2 Reg. 6 and the ISPS Code.

**2. Competent Authority**

- .1 A competent authority is to be designated by the Administration and is an organization that receives a security alert from a ship and forwards it to the Administration. Security alerts transmitted via a SSAS, shall be directed to the Administration via the relevant Company Security Officer (CSO).
- .2 As already mentioned in Circular 02 003-03, as one option, is that providers of asset tracking services, incorporating SSAS capabilities, may act as the competent authority.

**3. Approval**

- .1 There are no provisions in SOLAS XI-2 Reg. 6 for Administrations to type approve a system. Antigua and Barbuda is therefore not in a position to type approve any SSAS. Ship specific systems will be reviewed and approved as part of the Ship's Security Plan (SSP) verification, carried out by the relevant RSO.
- .2 Organizations or companies, intending to provide SSAS-services for ships under the flag of Antigua and Barbuda are requested to provide the relevant RSOs for review, (see Circular 02 004-03) with:
  - an appropriate description of the equipment intended to be installed or modified
  - the coverage area and
  - a communication plan for acting as a competent authority.
- .3 The individual ship's SSAS will be reviewed and approved by the relevant RSO, authorized by Antigua and Barbuda, during the SSP-review.
- .4 In case ships are already in possession of an approved SSP which does not address the SSAS and its affected parts, this plan must be amended and resubmitted for approval. Therefore, owners are required to notify the relevant RSO prior to installing a SSAS. The relevant RSO verifies that the SSAS installation is in accordance with the system outline in the SSP and the proper operation of this equipment.

- .5 The continued validity of a ship's initial International Ships Security Certificate (ISSC) depends also upon compliance with the installation of an effective SSAS by the applicable Cargo Ship Safety Radio survey implementation date, irrespective of when the SSP may be due for intermediate or renewal audit.

#### **4. Security Alert Message**

- .1 The procedure for the SSAS is part of the ship's SSP, the security alert should be generated automatically and the message must include:
- ship's name
  - IMO number
  - position (long + lat)
  - date time group
  - course and speed
  - indication that the security of the ship is under threat or has been compromised
  - name of CSO and phone number
  - name of alternate CSO and phone number
- .2 When this Administration receives notification of such a security alert message from the Company, this Administration will immediately notify the Coastal State(s) in the vicinity of which the ship is presently operating. Prior such notification false alarms must be excluded.

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