

	GOVERNMENT OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA DEPARTMENT OF MARINE SERVICES AND MERCHANT SHIPPING (ADOMS) Circular 02-004-06 Amendments to - SOLAS 74 and - various Codes mandatory under the Convention	Document	Circ. 02-004-06
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		Reference	1. SOLAS 74, as amended

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 class societies, companies, masters and officers to various amendments to the 1974 SOLAS convention:

1. SOLAS II-1/3-2 and XII/6

Performance standards for protective coatings for dedicated seawater ballast tanks in all types of ships and double-side skin spaces of bulk carriers.

Apply to:

- ships for which the building contract is placed on or after 01 July 2008
- if no building contract available, the keel of which are laid on or
- after 01 January 2009 or, the delivery of which is on or after 01 July 2012.

2. SOLAS II-2, Reg. 1 - 7, 9 + 10

Construction – fire protection, fire detection and fire extinction

SOLAS III, Reg. 6, 11, 14, 19, 20, 21, 26,31,32,35

Life-saving appliances and arrangements

SOLAS XII; Reg. 12 + 13

Additional safety measures for bulk carriers

SOLAS appendix certificates

Text is to be replaced in the Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate and in the Cargo Ship Safety Certificate.

These amendments should be deemed to have been accepted on 01 January 2008 and shall enter into force on 01 July 2008.

3. SOLAS II-1

Construction-structure, subdivision and stability, machinery and electrical installations:

The existing text of parts A, B and B-1 of the chapter is replaced by new text. These amendments should be deemed to have been accepted on 01 July 2008 and shall enter into force on 01 January 2009.

4. Various amendments (adopted) to the 1988 SOLAS Protocol with entry into force 01 July 2008.

5. Various amendments to the 1988 Load Line Protocol with entry into force 01 July 2008
6. Various amendments to mandatory Codes under SOLAS:
 - .1 Fire System Safety Code (FFS Code)
entry into force 01 January 2009
 - .2 Life-Saving Appliance Code (LSA Code)
entry into force 01 July 2008
 - .3 Dangerous chemicals in bulk (IBC Code)
entry into force 01 January 2009
 - .4 Liquefied Gases in bulk (IGC Code)
entry into force 01 July 2008
7. New non-mandatory IMO instruments:
 - .1 Guidelines on alternative design and arrangements for SOLAS II-1 + III are expected to enter into force on 01 July 2010.

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