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	Circular 02-002-11 Lifejacket Standards	Reference	MSC 207 (81) SOLAS 74 (as amended) Chapter III LSA Code Chapter II/ 2.2 Lifejackets.

Circular letter to:

all companies having registered their ships under the flag of Antigua and Barbuda W.I.
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all authorized Recognized Organizations (RO)

A number of questions have arisen over the correct interpretation of Resolution MSC.207(81) which came into effect on 1st July 2010. The resolution introduced amendments to the LSA Code in relation to lifejacket standards but the implementation date for these changes is not absolutely clear. The Antigua Department of Marine Services and Merchant Shipping (ADOMS) has therefore decided that for ships registered in Antigua and Barbuda, the amendments concerning lifejackets apply to ships constructed on or after 1st July 2010 and do not apply to ships constructed before that date, except when lifejackets are renewed or replaced.

On vessels constructed before 1st July 2010 where lifejackets are replaced or renewed for any reason, the replacement lifejackets **MUST** comply with the requirements for lifejackets applicable to vessels constructed on or after 1st July.

This Circular should be kept readily available on board vessels under the Antigua and Barbuda Flag for presentation when and if any disputes arise during inspections of the vessel.

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