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Circular letter to:

- 1. All companies having registered their ships under the flag of Antigua and Barbuda W.I.**
- 2. All ships registered under the flag of Antigua and Barbuda W.I.**
- 3. All filing agents and crewing companies involved in manning of Antigua and Barbuda ships**

The Maritime Safety Committee adopted at its 81st session amendments to part B of the STCW Code regarding training for Ship Security Officers. The Committee decided that the amendments to part B of the STCW code will become effective on 1 January 2008. The existing title to chapter VI is replaced by the following:

“Guidance regarding emergency, occupational safety, security, medical care and survival functions”

The following new section is inserted at the end of chapter VI:

Section B-VI/5

Guidance regarding training and certification for ship security officers

1. The training should be relevant to the provisions of the ISPS Code and SOLAS Convention, as amended.
2. On completion of training, a ship security officer should have adequate knowledge of the English language to correctly interpret and communicate messages relevant to ship or port facility security.
3. In circumstances of exceptional necessity, when a person holding a certificate of proficiency as a ship security officer is temporarily unavailable, the Administration may permit a seafarer having specific security duties and responsibilities and an understanding of the ship security plan to serve as ship security officer and to execute all duties and responsibilities of the ship security officer until the next port of call or for a period not exceeding 30 days, whichever is greater. The company should, as soon as possible, inform the competent authorities of the next port(s) of call of the arrangements in place.

Section B-I/14

Guidance regarding responsibilities of companies and recommended responsibilities of masters and crew members

In section B-I/14, the following text is inserted at the end of the existing paragraph 1:
“Companies should also ensure that:

- .1 all seafarers on a ship fitted with free-fall lifeboats should receive familiarization training in boarding and launching procedures for such lifeboats.
- .2 prior to joining a ship, seafarers assigned as operating crew of free-fall lifeboats should have undergone appropriate training in boarding, launching and recovering of such lifeboats including participation on at least one occasion in a free-fall launch.”