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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.;
all recognized Antigua and Barbuda Filing Agents

Starting on 01 January 2008 the new STCW Regulation VI/5 will enter into force. Consequently, certificates of proficiency issued by national maritime administrations in accordance with Regulation VI/5 of the STCW Convention will be endorsed by the Flag State Administration of Antigua and Barbuda as of this date.

The certificates of proficiency must comply with the new mandatory competence requirements according to Section A-VI/5 and Table A-VI/5 of the STCW Code.

However, the Flag State Administration of Antigua and Barbuda will continue to recognize personnel who are not yet in possession of a STCW Regulation VI/5 certificate but hold or can document qualifications as Ship Security Officer until 01 July 2009.

Applications for issuance of endorsements can be submitted either via IASS or by Form FO-C01 (part III, item E, Special Qualification).

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