

	<p align="center"><b>GOVERNMENT OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA</b>  <b>DEPARTMENT OF MARINE SERVICES AND</b>  <b>MERCHANT SHIPPING (ADOMS)</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Circular 01-002-01</b></p> <p>Withdrawal of recognition of Georgia as regards education, training and certification of seafarers, for the purpose of recognition of certificates of competency issued by this country</p>	Document	Circ. 01-001-11
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**Circular letter to**

**all owners, managing owners, filing agents and crewing companies**

The European Commission Decision dated 22 November 2010 concludes that Georgia does not fully comply with the relevant requirements of the STCW Convention as regards education, training and certification of seafarers, for the purpose of recognition of certificates of competency.

As a party to the STCW Convention, Antigua and Barbuda has an obligation to give full effect to the provisions of the STCW Convention. Therefore, we wish to inform that with immediate effect the Maritime Administration of Antigua and Barbuda has decided to withdraw recognition of certificates of competency (CoC) issued by the Georgian Administration.

Consequently, all Antigua and Barbuda Endorsements which have been issued based on Georgian national certificates are considered **NULL and VOID** as of today.

This withdrawal will be valid as long as this Maritime Administration deems necessary.

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