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	<p style="text-align: center;">Circular 01-002-11</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Application of STCW 1978, as amended, Chapter VIII; ILO Convention 180 and the Protocol to ILO Convention 147</p>	Reference	STCW 1978, as amended, Chapter VIII; MSA 2006, Part IV, Chapter I, Sect. 68 (1)(x)(xi); Director's Directive 02-2002, Sections 14 and 15; ILO Convention No. 180, Protocol to ILO Convention No. 147.

Circular letter to:

all masters, ship owners and ship operating companies having registered their ships under the flag of Antigua and Barbuda W.I.

In view of current developments this Maritime Administration wishes to draw the attention of all masters, ship owners and ship operating companies once more to its circular 01-001-98 (dealing with the responsibilities of companies), as well as to its circular 01-002-04 (dealing with the application of ILO Convention No. 180 and the Protocol to ILO Convention No. 147)

1. It is the responsibility of companies to ensure that the requirements of STCW 1978, as amended, Chapter VIII are strictly being adhered to by observing the special requirements or conditions of the Minimum Safe Manning Certificate in which it is, inter alia, specified that:

*"... 3. The grades and numbers of personnel listed above reflect the minimum number of persons necessary for the safety of navigation and operation. **Additional personnel as may be considered necessary for cargo handling and control, maintenance or watchkeeping duties and as needed for required rest periods are the responsibility of the owner and the master**",*

and by taking the necessary action upon examination of the hours of work and rest of all personnel in relation to the requirements stemming from STCW 1978, as amended, Chapter VIII and ILO Convention No. 180, the latter as applicable.

2. In accordance with the Directive 1999/95/EC of the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union, any ship in European waters **must** comply with the ILO

Convention No. 180 and the Protocol to ILO Convention No. 147 no matter whether the flag State is party to these conventions or not.

Non-compliance with the requirements of STCW 1978, as amended, Chapter VIII and ILO Convention No. 180 and the Protocol to ILO Convention No. 147 on board ships calling at European Community Ports may be subject to detention by Port State Control (PSC).

It is of utmost importance that the requirements of the above-mentioned Conventions are being observed and that in this context the standards regarding watchkeeping are being arranged in a way that the efficiency of all personnel is not impaired by fatigue.

Watch schedules in accordance with the standards of STCW 1978, as amended, Chapter VIII are to be posted where they are easily accessible.

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