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	Circular 01-001-12 2010 Amendments to the STCW Convention 1978, as amended New STCW Regulations	Reference	1. STCW Convention 1978, as amended 2. Antigua and Barbuda Merchant Shipping Act

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

The Antigua and Barbuda Department of Marine Services and Merchant Shipping (ADOMS) wishes to inform all above listed parties that starting on 01 January 2012 the 2010 Amendments to the STCW Convention, which introduce several new regulations, will enter into force.

STCW Reg. II/5 - Able Seafarer Deck

The Certificate of Proficiency as Able Seafarer Deck must comply with the new mandatory competence requirements according to Section A-II/5 and Table A-II/5 of the STCW Code. An Antigua and Barbuda Endorsement is not required for this certificate; however, registration in the A&B database is necessary.

STCW Reg. III/5 - Able Seafarer Engine

The Certificate of Proficiency as Able Seafarer Engine must comply with the new mandatory competence requirements according to Section A-III/5 and Table A-III/5 of the STCW Code. An Antigua and Barbuda Endorsement is not required for this certificate; however, registration in the A&B database is necessary.

STCW Reg. III/6 - Electro-Technical Officer

The Certificate of Competency as Electro-Technical Officer must comply with the new mandatory minimum requirements according to Section A-III/6 and Table A-III/6 of the STCW Code. Certificates of competency issued by national maritime administrations in accordance with Regulation III/6 of the STCW Convention will be endorsed by the Flag State Administration of Antigua and Barbuda as of 01 January 2012.

STCW Reg. III/7 - Electro-Technical Rating

The Certificate of Proficiency as Electro-Technical Rating must comply with the new mandatory competence requirements according to Section A-III/7 and Table A-III/7 of the STCW Code. An Antigua and Barbuda Endorsement is not required for this certificate; however, registration in the A&B database is necessary.

Effective 01 January 2012 copies of the above-mentioned certificates together with the corresponding national administration's verification, as applicable, must be included when submitting applications for issuance of Antigua and Barbuda seafarer's documents. For guidance, a list of certificates or documentary evidence required under the STCW Convention is contained in Table B-I/2 of the STCW Code.

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