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	<b>Circular 01-002-12</b>  <b>2010 Amendments to the STCW Convention 1978, as amended, Reg. VI/1</b> <b>Mandatory minimum requirements for safety familiarization, basic training and instruction for all seafarers</b>	Reference	1. STCW Convention, as amended, Reg. VI/1, Section A-VI/1  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 2010 Amendments to the STCW Convention 1978, as amended, have modified the requirements for Basic Training in Regulation VI/1 of the Convention. Accordingly, the Antigua and Barbuda Department of Marine Services and Merchant Shipping (ADOMS) wishes to inform all above parties that as of 01 January 2012, the new requirements, applicable to all seafarers, are as follows:

Seafarers shall be required to hold a Certificate of Proficiency as evidence that they have achieved the required standard of competence to undertake the tasks, duties and responsibilities as set out in:

Table A-VI/1-1	personal survival techniques
Table A-VI/1-2	fire prevention and fire fighting
Table A-VI/1-3	elementary first aid
Table A-VI/1-4	personal safety and social responsibilities

of the STCW Code, as amended. Starting as of 01 January 2012, seafarers are also required, every five years, to provide evidence of having maintained the required standards of competence by providing evidence of participation in refresher courses in the specified areas therein.

**Transitional provisions:**

Seafarers who already hold certificates or documentary evidence of having completed the four basic training elements in accordance with Regulation VI/1 under the STCW requirements existing previous to 01 January 2012 and who completed their training in the five years prior to 01 January 2012 may continue to be regarded as meeting the requirements for a Certificate of Proficiency in basic training until a date five years after the date of their initial training. On that date they are required to obtain a Certificate of Proficiency in accordance with the 2010 Amendments to the Convention.

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