



**The Merchant Shipping
(Drinking-water Standards) Directive**
**To all Ship Owners, Ship Managers,
Ship Operators and Ship Masters**

Directive 02-2005

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The Director of the Department of Marine Services and Merchant Shipping, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 7, subsection (5) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1998 (as amended) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Directive:

Citation and commencement

1. This Directive may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Drinking-water Standards) Directive and shall come into force on 01 November 2005.

Interpretation

2. In this Directive:

“ADOMS” means the Antigua and Barbuda Department of Marine Services and Merchant Shipping;

"Antiguan and Barbudan ship" means a ship which is registered or licensed under the Antigua and Barbuda Merchant Shipping Act 1998 (as amended);

"company" means the owner of a ship or any other organization or person such as the manager, or the bareboat charterer, who has assumed the responsibility for the operation of the ship from the ship owner and who, on assuming such responsibility, has agreed to take over all duties and responsibilities imposed on the company by these regulations;

“drinking-water” means water which is suitable for human consumption and for all normal purposes, including personal hygiene;

“master” includes every person having command or charge of any ship other than a pilot

Application

3. This Directive applies to all Antiguan and Barbudan ships with the exception of:
 - (a) Ships owned or operated by the Government of Antigua and Barbuda; and
 - (b) Pleasure yachts not engaged in trade; and
 - (c) Ships not propelled by mechanical means.

Reference

4. (1) Drinking-water kept on board Antigua and Barbuda ships shall conform to the standards of:

**The World Health Organization (WHO)
“Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality”**

published on:

http://www.who.int/water_sanitation_health/dwg/gdwg3/en/index.html

- (2) The latest edition of the publication mentioned under 4(1) shall apply.

Regulation

5. (1) Drinking-water on board Antigua and Barbuda ships shall be subject to laboratory quality analyses at intervals not exceeding 12 (twelve) months.
- (2) Results of drinking-water laboratory quality analyses shall be evaluated to the quality standards defined in the publication referred to under 4(1).

Responsibilities

6. The master of an Antigua and Barbuda ship is responsible for:
- (a) the operational monitoring of drinking-water quality in accordance with the required standards; and
 - (b) making timely arrangements for carrying out drinking-water laboratory quality analyses; and
 - (c) monitoring the results of drinking water quality analyses and to arrange for corrective action, if deemed necessary.

Inspections

7. The latest laboratory report on drinking-water quality analyse shall be kept ready for inspection by port- and flag State inspectors at any time.

Signed by the authority of the Director of the Department of Marine Services
and Merchant Shipping