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Circular letter to

- 1. all Companies having registered their ships under the flag of Antigua and Barbuda W.I.**
- 2. all ships registered under the flag of Antigua and Barbuda W.I.**

1. In an effort to promote safe navigation in Spanish waters, the Spanish DGMM has passed a new resolution aimed at ensuring safe bridge manning on vessels navigating within Spanish ports. The new resolution was enacted on 29th October 2003 and came into force on 1st November 2003.
2. As of 1st November 2003, the Spanish Maritime Authorities (Capitania Maritima) are entitled to sanction and/or detain any ship over 500 GT, irrespective of her flag state, if the ship's master is not assisted by an officer and/or duly qualified crew member whilst manoeuvring (mooring, unmooring and/or any other self-propelled movement) within port limits.
3. The resolution will apply irrespective of whether the vessel has a pilot on board or not. Pilots are obliged to immediately notify the Spanish Maritime Authorities of any breach of this resolution.
4. The Centre of Services Co-ordination (CCRS) is obliged to transmit via radio the requirements of this resolution to ships operating within the port area.

Under the Spanish legislation, Act 27/1992, amended by Act 62/1997, the resulting sanction is classified as "severe" and "top severe" and may incur fines in amounts up to € 180,304 and € 901,518 respectively.

Shipowners and ship operators are strongly recommended to ensure that their Masters are familiar with this new resolution.