



## INFORMATION LETTER 005-2010

to

**all Owners, Managing Owners, Crewing Companies operating ships and crew under the flag of Antigua and Barbuda;**

**all Masters, Officers serving on board vessel sailing under the Antigua and Barbuda Flag.**

**EU Directive 2009/20/EC 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2009  
Insurance of Shipowners for Maritime claims**

**Effective date is 17th June 2009 although not effective until EU Members have the required Domestic Legislation but must be in place by January 2012.**

**The Directive applies to all ships 300 gross tonnage or more.**

This Directive calls for shipowners of each Member State flying its Flag to have insurance covering such vessels.

Each Member State shall require shipowners of ships flying a flag other than its own to have insurance in place when such ships enter a port under the Member States jurisdiction. This shall not prevent Member States, if in conformity with international law, from requiring compliance with that obligation when ships are operating in their territorial waters.

The insurance referred to in this letter shall cover maritime claims subject to the limitation under the 1996 Convention. The 1996 Convention means the consolidated text of the 1976 Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims adopted by IMO as amended by the 1996 Protocol.

Port State control will during the course of inspection ask for such proof of insurance as required under this Directive.

The existence of this insurance shall be proved by one or more certificates issued by its provider and carried on board the vessel.

### **Insurance certificates have to include items such as:**

Vessel name

IMO number

PoR

Shipowners name

Principal place of business

Type and duration of such insurance

It should be noted that penalties will be placed on vessels for non compliance.

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