



Antigua and Barbuda
Maritime Administration

STCW Circular
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SUBJECT: Certificate of Proficiency as Ship Security Officer

REFERENCE:

- a) *Antigua and Barbuda Merchant Shipping Act 2006, as amended*
- b) *International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978 Regulation I/10*

TO: Ship-owners, operators, filing agents, masters and officers of Antigua and Barbuda flagged ships, and recognized organizations.

1. PURPOSE

This Circular provides information to clarify the requirements for the recognition of Ship Security Officer (SSO) certification following the 2008 STCW changes and also provides information on the policy of the Antigua and Barbuda administration in so far as the recognition of Ship Security Officer certification is concerned.

2. APPLICATION

This Circular applies to all Antigua and Barbuda flagged ships. It consolidates and supersedes STCW Circulars 2007-004 and 2009-001.

3. BACKGROUND

Starting on 1 January 2008 the new STCW Regulation VI/5 entered into force. Consequently, certificates of proficiency issued by national maritime administrations in accordance with Regulation VI/5 of the STCW Convention will be endorsed by the Maritime Administration of Antigua and Barbuda as of this date.

4. OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The certificates of proficiency must comply with the new mandatory competence requirements according to Section A-VI/5 and Table A-VI/5 of the STCW Code
2. Applications for the issue of endorsements can be submitted via the Interactive Application System for Seafarers (IASS).
3. Certificates of proficiency as SSO issued by private and commercial organizations and/or training centers pursuant to Regulation VI/5 of the STCW Convention will be endorsed by this Administration only upon presentation of an official approval by the national maritime administrations in the countries concerned indicating that these organizations are authorized to issue such certificates. This authorization must accompany the certificate during the initial submission of applications.

4. On board every ship flying the Antigua and Barbuda flag, at least two crew members are required to hold a valid endorsement as Ship Security Officer: one main and one alternate.

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