

	<b>STCW CIRCULAR 2007-004</b>		
	DEPARTMENT OF MARINE SERVICES AND MERCHANT SHIPPING (ADOMS)		
	<b>Recognition of Certificates of proficiency as Ship Security Officer.</b>	Ref	STCW, 78 Reg. I/10 Circular 01-003-07

**Companies operating ships registered in Antigua and Barbuda,  
Ships registered under the flag of Antigua and Barbuda, and  
Authorised Antigua and Barbuda Filing Agents**

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Starting on 01 January 2008 the new STCW Regulation VI/5 will enter 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 Flag State Administration of Antigua and Barbuda as of this date.

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.

However, the Flag State Administration of Antigua and Barbuda will continue to recognise personnel who are not yet in possession of a STCW Regulation VI/5 certificate but hold, or can document, existing qualifications as Ship Security Officer until 01 July 2009.

Applications for the issue of endorsements can be submitted either via IASS or by Form FO-C01 (part III, item E, Special Qualification).

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