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**Companies having assumed responsibility for the management and operation of ships registered in Antigua and Barbuda;
 Seafarers engaged on ships registered in Antigua and Barbuda;
 Recognized Organizations (ROs) of Antigua and Barbuda;
 Authorized filing agents and crewing companies**

This subject was previously covered by Circular 2012-004. That Circular is hereby cancelled. The purpose of this circular is to outline the procedures adopted by the Antigua and Barbuda Department of Marine Services and Merchant Shipping (ADOMS) in so far as they affect seafarers' medical certificates.

All seafarers are required to have on board a valid medical certificate and it is the responsibility of the ship's Master to verify that all seafarers, on joining have valid medical certificates. The applicable Conventions mandate that such a certificate is valid for a maximum period of two years and must be issued by a medical practitioner authorized in his/her country for the issue of seafarers' medical certificates.


Each applicant for an Antigua and Barbuda endorsement or seafarer's book should present a valid seafarer's medical certificate with his/her application. Acceptable seafarers' medical certificates are:

1. A seafarer's medical certificate issued in accordance with STCW 1978, as amended, and/or the Maritime Labour Convention (2006) by a medical practitioner authorized to issue such certificates in the country of issue provided that country is a signatory to the STCW Convention, and/or the Maritime Labour (2006) Convention or;
2. A seafarer's medical certificate (Form FO-C02) issued by a medical practitioner authorized by ADOMS in Antigua and Barbuda. A list of such medical practitioners is contained in Annex 1.

Where there may be doubt as to the recognition and authorization of a medical practitioner to issue seafarers' medical certificates, ADOMS may request that evidence of approval is presented. This may take the form of an official statement from the administration or other evidence such as a print out from the official list of approved medical practitioners for that country.

Medical examinations of seafarers shall be conducted in accordance with the International Labour Organisation (ILO) "Guidelines on the Medical examination of Seafarers" first published in 2013 which have replaced previous guidelines issued by ILO and World Health Organisation.

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