



Antigua and Barbuda Maritime Administration

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SUBJECT: EU MRV / IMO DCS Regulation

REFERENCE:

- a) *International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL) Annex VI Reg. 22a*
- b) [IMO Resolution MEPC .293 \(71\)](#) 2017 guidelines for the development and management of the IMO ship fuel oil consumption database

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

1. INTRODUCTION

This Information Notice provides guidance in respect to the European Union's MRV (Monitoring, Reporting, Verification) scheme [EU Reg. 2015/757] and the IMO's DCS (Data Collection System) scheme [MARPOL Annex VI Reg. 22a & MEPC.293(71)]. It supersedes Information Notice 2017-005

2. SUBJECT

1. All Antigua and Barbuda Recognized Organizations are by the existing agreements of delegation of statutory functions and powers entitled to act as data collectors and verification instances with respect to above schemes, and therefore are accredited as such providers by the Administration automatically, by means of the mentioned agreements.
2. ADOMS has opened the accreditation for the two schemes also to independent providers, by means of a standard agreement. Interested parties are invited to request this standard agreement from technical@abregistry.ag. Recognized organizations interested in offering their services to vessels outside their respective class are also accepted under the existing agreements for the delegation of statutory functions and powers.
3. Shipowners and/or Managers of Antigua and Barbuda flagged vessels are advised to contact either such independent verifiers or ROs for information and application of the respective scheme for their vessels.
4. The following class-independent verifiers have been authorized as per date of publication:
 1. Dromon Bureau of Shipping www.dromon.com
 2. Verifavia Shipping www.verifavia-shipping.com
 3. Swiss Climate Ecocare www.swissclimate.de
5. The European Commission is bringing emissions from shipping into its 2009 climate and energy package.

6. As a result, the EU MRV (Monitoring, Reporting, Verification) regulation entered into force on the 1 July 2015.
7. This regulation requires ship owners and operators to annually monitor, report and verify CO2 emissions for vessels over 5000 GT, calling at any EU and EFTA (Norway and Iceland) port.
8. The data collection is based on a per voyage basis and starts 1 January 2018. A voyage is defined as any movement of a ship that originates from, or terminates in, a port of call (EU port) and that serves the purpose of transporting cargo, or passengers for commercial purposes.
9. The reported CO2 emissions, together with additional data, are to be verified by independent certified bodies and sent to a central database managed by EMSA (European Maritime Safety Agency).
10. The first step for ship owners and operators to comply with the EU MRV regulation, is to prepare a monitoring plan for each of their ships that fall under the scope of the regulation.
11. The monitoring plan is subject to verification by an independent verifier and should be submitted by 31 August 2017.
12. The IMO has agreed to implement a global data collection system (DCS) for fuel consumption data that will provide global CO2 emissions data.
13. The IMO monitoring and reporting on a per ship basis is expected to start on 1 January 2019.
14. It is expected that the two systems will run in parallel in the early years, but there may be some changes later, so that eventually the EU MRV and the IMO DCS are aligned.

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