



Antigua and Barbuda Maritime Administration

Information Notice
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SUBJECT: Lifeboat Release and Recovery / Retrieval Systems and Bunker Delivery Notices and Forms

REFERENCE:

- a) *Antigua and Barbuda Merchant Shipping Act 2006, as amended*
- b) [IMO Resolution MSC.317 \(89\)](#) *Adoption of amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of life at sea, 1974, as amended*
- c) *MSC.1/Circ.1392 Guidelines for evaluation and replacement of lifeboat release and retrieval systems*
- d) *MEPC.1/Circ.875/Add.1: Guidance on best practice for fuel oil suppliers for assuring the quality of fuel oil delivered to ships*
- e) *International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Regulation III/1.5*

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

1. INTRODUCTION

This Information Notice informs and reminds ADOMS clients and stakeholders of the regulatory requirements regarding Lifeboat Release and Recovery / Retrieval Systems (LRRS) and Bunker Delivery Notices and Forms (BDN).

2. SUBJECT

1. On the 1 July 2019, the phase-out for all lifeboat on-load release mechanisms and retrieval systems (LRRS) not complying with paragraphs 4.4.7.6.4 to 4.4.7.6.6 of the Life Saving Appliances Code (LSA-Code) as per MSC.317 (89) and MSC.1/Circ.1392 ref. SOLAS reg. III/1.5 will terminate, and all such non-compliant equipment will by then have to be replaced.
2. Operators, managers, and suppliers are advised to seek guidance, if required, from the relevant ADOMS [Recognized Organizations and Recognized Security Organizations](#).
3. As of 1 January 2019 new requirements regarding Bunker Delivery Notes (BDN) have entered into force, e.g., the sulfur content of fuel supplied must be explicitly mentioned. Any BDN not in accordance with the exact specifications as per Reg. 18.5 and Appendix V of MARPOL Annex VI should be denied acceptance by the receiver of the fuel and requested for rectification immediately. In the case that no remedy is provided, notice should be given to ADOMS, for reporting to the IMO.

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