



Antigua and Barbuda  
Maritime Administration

Miscellaneous Circular  
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**SUBJECT:** Recycling of Ships

**REFERENCE:**

- a) *The Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009 (Hong Kong Convention)*
- b) *Sound Recycling of Ships (Hong Kong Convention), 2009*
- c) [Directive 001-2019](#) *Recycling of Ships Directive 2019*

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

**1. PURPOSE**

This Circular provides information regarding the application of the requirements under the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009 (Hong Kong Convention) by Antigua and Barbuda

**2. APPLICATION**

This Circular applies to all Antigua and Barbuda flagged Ships.

**3. BACKGROUND**

The Hong Kong Convention was adopted in May 2009. After the entry into force of the Convention, the development and maintenance of an Inventory of Hazardous Materials, which identifies the amount and location of hazardous materials onboard a ship, will be required for all ships over 500GT. Furthermore, ships shall only be recycled at ship recycling facilities authorized in accordance with the Convention.

The Convention will enter into force 24 months after the date on which the following conditions are met:

- Ratification by 15 States
- Representation by 40 per cent of the world's merchant shipping fleet by gross tonnage
- A maximum annual ship recycling volume of not less than 3 per cent of the combined tonnage of the ratifying States

The Convention intends to address all the issues around ship recycling, including the fact that ships sold for scrapping may contain environmentally hazardous substances such as asbestos, heavy metals, hydrocarbons, ozone-depleting substances, and others. It also addresses concerns raised about the working and environmental conditions at many of the world's ship recycling locations.

#### 4. OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Antigua and Barbuda is currently not a Contracting Party to the Hong Kong Convention. EU Regulation No. 1257/2013 on ship recycling is now aimed at facilitating early ratification of the Hong Kong Convention.
2. ADOMS wishes all concerned to note that vessels may be certified in accordance with the requirements of the convention. Vessels eligible for certification shall apply to their classification society for certification. If all requirements of the Hong Kong Convention are met, class will issue relevant certification in the form of a Statement of Compliance, in accordance with [Directive 001-2019](#).
3. ADOMS [Recognized Organizations](#) (ROs), as listed on our website, may therefore issue the relevant Statement of Compliance (SoC) on behalf of Antigua and Barbuda flag.
4. Upon entry into force of the Hong Kong Convention all vessels to which this [Directive 001-2019](#) applies must be certified in accordance with the requirements of the Convention. ADOMS therefore recommends the early preparation of the Inventory of Hazardous Materials to smoothly implement the requirements of the Convention after its entry into force.
5. Upon ratification of the Hong Kong Convention by Antigua and Barbuda all vessels must be certified in accordance with the requirements of the Convention and the relevant Regulations made by Antigua and Barbuda and issued an International Certificate of the Inventory of Hazardous Materials or an International Ready for Recycling Certificate.

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