



Antigua and Barbuda
Maritime Administration

SOLAS Circular
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SUBJECT: Lifejacket Standards

REFERENCE:

- a) *International Life-Saving Appliance (LSA) Code Chapter II.2.2*
- b) [*IMO Resolution MSC.207 \(81\) Adoption of amendments to the International Life-Saving Appliance \(LSA\) Code*](#)

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

1. PURPOSE

This Circular sets out ADOMS policy on the application of LSA Code amendments covering life-jacket standards as far as existing lifejackets are concerned.

2. APPLICATION

This Circular applies to all Antigua and Barbuda flagged ships.

3. BACKGROUND

Resolution MSC.207(81) came into effect on 1 July 2010. The resolution introduced amendments to the LSA Code in relation to lifejacket standards but the implementation date for these changes is not clear.

The Antigua Department of Marine Services and Merchant Shipping (ADOMS) has therefore decided that for ships registered in Antigua and Barbuda, the amendments concerning lifejackets apply to ships constructed on or after 1 July 2010 and do not apply to ships constructed before that date, except when lifejackets are renewed or replaced.

4. OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Whenever lifejackets are replaced on vessels constructed before 1 July 2010 the replacement lifejackets must comply with the requirements in the LSA Code for lifejackets applicable to ships constructed after 1 July 2010.

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