



Antigua and Barbuda Maritime Administration

Information Notice
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SUBJECT: Authorisation of Service Providers for LSA

REFERENCE:

- a) *Antigua and Barbuda Merchant Shipping Act 2006, as amended*
- b) *Agreement covering delegation of Statutory Services*
- c) *IMO Resolution MSC.402(96), Requirements for maintenance, through examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of lifeboats and rescue boats, launching appliances and release gear, adopted 19 May 2016*
- d) *IMO Resolution MSC.404(96), Amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended, adopted 19 May 2016*

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

1. INTRODUCTION

This Information Notice provides guidance on the authorization of service providers, to work on lifeboats, rigid rescue boats, launching appliances and on-load release gear on board Antigua & Barbuda ships.

In May 2016, the IMO adopted Resolution MSC.402(96) Requirements for maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of lifeboats and rescue boats, launching appliances and release gear. MSC.402(96) amalgamated the contents of annex 1 to the Measures to prevent accidents with lifeboats (MSC.1/Circ.1206/Rev.1) and the Interim Recommendation on conditions for authorization of service providers for lifeboats, launching appliances and on-load release gear (MSC.1/Circ.1277). Due to this annex 1 to MSC.1/Circ.1206/Rev.1 was revoked.

This information notice is revised to reflect the IMO approved amendments to SOLAS Regulation III/20 under IMO Resolution MSC 402(96) which came into force 1 January 2020.

2. AUTHORISATION FOR SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL

1. The Antigua Department of Marine Services (ADOMS) no longer approves individual service providers to conduct statutory survey work on lifeboats, rigid rescue boats, launching appliances and on-load release gear, on board Antigua & Barbuda flagged ships.
2. ADOMS therefore no longer has any Independent Lifeboat Service and Testing Organisations (ILSTOs).
3. ADOMS now, only accepts service providers authorized by the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM), or one of our IACS authorized [Recognised Organisations](#).

4. To maintain the validity of applicable certification on Antigua and Barbuda ships, the Company shall ensure that maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair on board its ships is conducted in accordance with Resolution MSC.402(96) and SOLAS regulation III/20.
5. Any concerns about the activities of service providers should be addressed in the first instance with the authorizing body (OEM or RO), if this does not resolve the concern then such cases should be reported to the ADOMS' Technical Department.
6. In cases where a manufacturer is no longer in business or no longer provides technical support, the Administration may, on a case-by-case basis, authorize a service provider to service the equipment if the service provider had prior authorization for the equipment and/or long-term experience and demonstrated expertise as an authorized service provider can be provided.

3. QUALIFICATION LEVELS

1. Weekly and monthly inspections and routine maintenance as specified in the equipment maintenance manual(s), shall be conducted by authorized service providers, or by shipboard personnel under the direction of a senior ship's officer in accordance with the maintenance manual(s).
2. Annual thorough examinations and operational tests, as described in MSC.402(96) section 6.2, shall be conducted by certified personnel of either the manufacturer or an authorized service provider in accordance with paragraph 2.3 above.
3. A five-year thorough examination, any overhaul, overload operational tests, as described in MSC.402(96) section 6.3, and repair shall be conducted by certified personnel of either the manufacturer or an authorized service provider in accordance with Paragraph 2.3 above.

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