

	<b>GOVERNMENT OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA</b> <b>DEPARTMENT OF MARINE SERVICES AND</b> <b>MERCHANT SHIPPING (ADOMS)</b>  <b>Circular 04-001-98</b>  <b>Inspections by the Flag State</b>	Document	Circ. 04-001-98
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**Circular letter to:**

1. All companies having registered their ships under the flag of Antigua and Barbuda W.I.
2. All ships registered under the flag of Antigua and Barbuda W.I.

**1. Objectives**

In accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), Article 94, "...every State shall effectively exercise its jurisdiction and control in administrative, technical and social matters over ships flying its flag."

**2. Types of Flag State Inspections**

- **Initial Safety Inspection (ISI)** shall be performed prior bareboat charter registration and in any case prior permanent registration, exempt of ships with a commission time of less than 12 months which will then be surveyed after a 16 months period (plus/minus 3 months) as from the date of commencement of the first registration period indicated on the ship's trading documents issued by this Administration.
- **Annual Safety Inspection (ASI)** shall be performed in intervals of 16 months (plus/minus 3 months).
- **Special Safety Inspection (SSI)** shall be performed in case of
  - severe nonconformities discovered during ISI/ASI on request of the Administration;
  - after a detainment of the ship.
- **Condition Survey (CSI)** shall confirm the overall condition of a particular ship intended for bareboat – or permanent registration and which is more than 14 years in service on request of the Administration only.
- **Casualty Investigation** onboard a ship shall be performed by the Flag State in case of serious irregularities.

### 3. Initiation, Coordination, Execution

All types of inspections are initiated exclusively by ADOMS and shall be coordinated via **ADOMS Inspection & Investigation Division (ADOMS IID)**.

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Flag State Inspections are to be carried out worldwide by experienced and duly authorized inspectors on the basis of procedures approved and provided by ADOMS.

### 4. Surveys and Fees (applicable as from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009)

On the basis of a worldwide available network of inspectors the fee structure is as follows:

ISI	is 1,000.00 €
ASI	is 950.00 €
SSI	is 1,100.00 €
CSI	depends

Additional fees may arise for ports without a local inspector. These fees are subject to approval by the company prior inspection.

### 5. Various

One copy of the Inspection-Report shall be filed with the ship's command and shall be used throughout other inspections.

The final report will be issued – after having evaluated the Inspection Report – by ADOMS IID and will be sent to the company. It will include all deficiencies and remarks.

**Flag State Inspections are to be carried out independent from surveys carried out by class societies, Hull- and P&I Underwriters.**

For further questions do not hesitate to contact **ADOMS IID** office in Bremerhaven, Germany.

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**Department of Marine Services  
and Merchant Shipping Antigua and Barbuda W.I.**