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The Director of the Department of Marine Services and Merchant Shipping, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 7, sub-section (3) of the Merchant Shipping Act 2006, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, makes the following Directive.

1 Citation and commencement,

This Directive may be cited as the Seafarer's Accommodation in Existing Ships Directive 2013 and shall come into force on 1st February 2013.

2 Revocation,

The Merchant Shipping (Crew Accommodation) Directive 2008 is revoked and replaced in its entirety with this Directive.

3 Interpretation,

"Existing ship" means a ship the keel of which is laid on a date before 20th August 2013.

"Recognised Organisation" means one of the classification societies that is recognised by Antigua and Barbuda or any other organisation that is authorised to certify seafarer accommodation for the purposes of this Directive.

"Seafarer Accommodation" means sleeping rooms, mess rooms, sanitary accommodation, hospital accommodation, and recreational facilities and accommodation provided for the use of seafarers accommodated on board a ship.

4 Application,

This Directive applies to all Antigua and Barbuda ships which are existing ships and which are engaged in commercial activity and in which seafarers are accommodated overnight.

5 Requirements for seafarer's accommodation,

(i). Except as provided in section 6, the accommodation provided in ships to which this Directive applies shall conform to the standards laid down in:

(i) ILO Convention 92, Accommodation of Crews Convention (Revised) 1949, agreed at the International Labour Organization, and

(ii) ILO Convention 133, Accommodation of Crews (Supplementary Provisions) 1970, agreed at the International Labour Organization.

(ii). After 20th August 2013 existing ships shall carry a certificate of compliance or similar document issued by an authorised recognised organisation that confirms compliance with the standards in (i).

6 General exemption,

- (i). The Antigua and Barbuda Department of Marine Services exempts existing ships from the requirements in Article 11 of the Accommodation of Crews Convention (Revised) 1949 concerning the provision of separate mess rooms provided that the mess room accommodation that is provided is adequate for all the members of the ship's crew who need to be accommodated at any one time to be so accommodated.

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Signed by the authority of the Director of the Department of Marine Services and Merchant Shipping