

	<b>CIRCULAR Local 2014-001 (rev1)</b>		
	<b>DEPARTMENT OF MARINE SERVICES AND MERCHANT SHIPPING (ADOMS)</b>		
	<b>SCV Code</b>	Ref	SCV Code.

**Companies operating SCV certificated vessels under the flag of Antigua and Barbuda.  
Seafarers in SCV vessels registered under the flag of Antigua and Barbuda.**

**Introduction.**

The Small Commercial Vessel Code (SCV Code) which applies to Vessels operating commercially, trading in the Caribbean Trading Area, which are 5 metres or more in length overall and less than 24 metres in length (L) and which, if carrying more than 12 passengers, operate within 20 miles of the nearest harbour or safe refuge, carry not more than 150 passengers and where overnight accommodation is provided, not more than 50 passengers overnight was adopted by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda in 2008 through the Merchant Shipping (Small Commercial Vessels) Regulations 2008 (SI 2008 No. 31). This Code sets a standard for construction and equipment for the vessels it applies to. As well as construction and equipment the Code specifies qualifications for Masters and Engineers in charge of these vessels. The latest version of the code is dated July 2017.