	Information Notice 2017-006 (Rev 2)
	DEPARTMENT OF MARINE SERVICES AND MERCHANT SHIPPING (ADOMS)
	Authorisation of Service Providers for LSA

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.

1. Circular 2012-014 is now revoked

2. 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 flag ships.

3. ADOMS therefore no longer has any Independent Lifeboat Service and Testing Organisations (ILSTOs).

4. ADOMS now accepts service providers authorized by the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM), or one of our IACS authorized Recognised Organisations (ROs), listed on our web site. http://abregistry.ag/technical-services/recognised-organisation/

5. In order to maintain the validity of applicable international certification on Antigua & Barbuda ships, all thorough examinations, operational testing, repair and overhaul work undertaken on lifeboats, rigid rescue boats, launching appliances and on-load release gear should be conducted in accordance with SOLAS Chapter III Regulation 20, as applicable and MSC.1/Circ.1206/Rev.1.

6. Care should be taken to ensure that service providers conducting work on Antigua & Barbuda ships are authorized by either the OEM, or an RO, in accordance with 4. above. Where the attending service provider does not hold an OEM approval for the specific equipment fitted on an individual vessel, the work conducted as set out in para 5., shall be conducted in the presence of a surveyor of the vessel's RO. Service providers authorised by other Administrations, or by their RO's may also be accepted.

7. Any concerns about the activities of service providers should be addressed in the first instance to the authorizing body (OEM or RO), but if this does not resolve the concern then such cases should be reported to ADOMS Technical Department.

8. IMO MSC 96 approved amendments to SOLAS Regulation III/20 regarding operational readiness, maintenance and inspections and also instructions for onboard maintenance, specifically under IMO Resolution MSC 402(96). The group of service providers described in para 6. above may conduct work under IMO Resolution MSC 402(96).

   This new resolution addresses the 5 yearly cycles for inspections, maintenance cycle of LSA, roles and responsibilities and the competence requirements and enters into force on 1 January 2020.