

	<b>CIRCULAR 2019-002</b>		
	<b>DEPARTMENT OF MARINE SERVICES AND MERCHANT SHIPPING (ADOMS)</b>		
	<b>Recycling of Ships</b>	Ref	The Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships (Hong Kong Convention), 2009  Directors Directive 001-2019

***All ADOMS Recognized Organizations Owners, Operators and Managers of Vessels registered under the Flag of Antigua and Barbuda***

**1. Scope**

- 1.1. This Circular is aimed at providing all those involved with necessary information on the application of the requirements under the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009 (Hong Kong Convention) by Antigua and Barbuda
- 1.2. The Hong Kong Convention was adopted in May 2009. After the entry into force of the Convention, the development and maintenance of an Inventory of Hazardous Materials, which identifies the amount and location of hazardous materials onboard a ship, will be required for all ships over 500GT. Furthermore, ships shall only be recycled at ship recycling facilities authorized in accordance with the Convention.
- 1.3. The Convention will enter into force 24 months after the date on which the following conditions are met:
  - 1.3.1. Ratification by 15 States
  - 1.3.2. Representation by 40 per cent of world merchant shipping by gross tonnage
  - 1.3.3. A maximum annual ship recycling volume not less than 3 per cent of the combined tonnage of the ratifying States
- 1.4. The Convention intends to address all the issues around ship recycling, including the fact that ships sold for scrapping may contain environmentally hazardous substances such as asbestos, heavy metals, hydrocarbons, ozone-depleting substances and others. It also addresses concerns raised about the working and environmental conditions at many of the world's ship recycling locations.

**2. ADOMS policy**

- 2.1. Antigua and Barbuda is currently not a Contracting Party to the Hong Kong Convention. EU Regulation No. 1257/2013 on ship recycling is now aimed at facilitating early ratification of the Hong Kong Convention
- 2.2. ADOMS wishes all concerned to note that vessels may be certified in accordance with the requirements of the convention. Vessels eligible for certification shall apply to their classification society for certification. If all requirements of the Hong Kong Convention are met, class will issue relevant certification in the form of a Statement of Compliance, in accordance with Directive 001- 2019
- 2.3. Upon entry into force of the Hong Kong Convention all vessels to which this Directive applies must be certified in accordance with the requirements of the Convention. ADOMS therefore recommends the early preparation of the Inventory of Hazardous Materials in order to smoothly implement the requirements of the Convention after its entry into force.
- 2.4. Upon ratification of the Hong Kong Convention by Antigua and Barbuda all vessels must be certified in accordance with the requirements of the Convention and the relevant Regulations made by Antigua and Barbuda and issued an International Certificate of the Inventory of Hazardous Materials or an International Ready for Recycling Certificate