

Antigua and Barbuda issues CAN on Emergency Towing Manual

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Class Advisory Note 003-2011 (Rev1) sets out national policy for the carriage of Emergency Towing Procedure Manuals (EPTM)

As from 1 January 2012 all cargo ships constructed before 1 January 2010 have to be provided with a ship-specific emergency towing procedure, as required by SOLAS II-1/3-4.2.

All passenger ships and cargo ships constructed on or after 1 January 2010 already have to comply with the amended SOLAS regulation today.

The flag State Administration of Antigua and Barbuda has issued the Class Advisory Note

CAN 003-2011(Rev1) which sets out the national policy on compliance with the amended SOLAS II-1/3-4.

The flag State does not require ETP Manual to be approved and stamped, but requires vessels of over 100 m in lengths (LOA) to carry on board 3 copies whereas 2 copies are required for shorter vessels.

Please find the complete CAN [here](#).

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CAN 003 – 2011 (Rev1)

SOLAS Emergency Towing Procedure Manual (ETPM)

Background

Adopted on the 16th May 2008, MSC 256 (84) provides for amendments to SOLAS (Solos1974, as amended) Chapter II-1 Regulation 3-4. All ships will be required, as per specific application dates, to carry on board a ship specific emergency towing procedure manual.

Policy

The **Antigua and Barbuda Administration**, while fully supporting this amendment **does not** require this manual to be approved and stamped by, or on behalf of, the Administration.

However we do require the following;

- 1) Vessels over 100 metres (LOA) are required to carry on board **three** ETPM's, one at each of the following locations;
 - a) Navigation Bridge.
 - b) Cargo office /control room.
 - c) Forecastle space.
- 2) Vessels 100 metres (LOA) or under may dispense with the forecastle space copy and carry only the Navigation Bridge and cargo office/control room copies.
- 3) The manual should be part of the ISM system under emergency preparedness.
- 4) The manual should be audited under both internal and external Audits of the SMS.

If further clarity is required please contact the ADOMS Technical Department in St John's

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