
SUBJECT: Duty Free Concessions on Small Craft Safety Equipment

REFERENCE:

a) Small craft (control) regulations 2017

TO: Owners and operators of all small craft registered or licensed in Antigua and Barbuda

1. PURPOSE

This Marine Notice provides information regarding the waiver of Customs Duties, Revenue Recovery Charges and Antigua and Barbuda Sales Tax (ABST), on the purchase of safety equipment for small craft.

2. APPLICATION

This Marine Notice applies to all small craft registered or licensed in Antigua and Barbuda

3. BACKGROUND

The Small Craft Control Act 2015 came into force in Antigua and Barbuda on the 1 January 2016.

Under this Act, the Antigua and Barbuda Department of Marine Services and Merchant Shipping (ADOMS) are the Authority with full responsibility for Registration, Licensing and Regulation of all small pleasure craft and small commercial vessels, operating in Antigua and Barbuda waters and/or registered under the flag.

ADOMS is pleased to announce that Cabinet have approved the waiver of Customs Duties, Revenue Recovery Charges and Antigua and Barbuda Sales Tax (ABST), on the purchase of safety equipment for small craft, like the existing arrangement for commercial fishing vessels.

4. OBLIGATIONS AND GUIDANCE

1. This only applies to safety equipment for use onboard small craft that are licensed by ADOMS, under the Small Craft Control Act and Regulations.
2. In the context of the regulations, a small craft is less than 24 metres in length that is operating in Antigua and Barbuda waters.

3. The 2017 Regulations and Code be found on ADOMS website, together with FAQs.
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