



# Technical Circular

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**To whomsoever it may concern**

**Subject: Antigua and Barbuda circular reg. Magnetic Compass: Guidelines on Installation, Compensation and drawing up of Deviation Tables.**

- Antigua and Barbuda flag administration has issued circular 2018-001 regarding requirements of administration with respect to Installation, Compensation and drawing up of Deviation Tables for Magnetic Compasses on board Antigua and Barbuda internationally registered vessels.
- Salient points of the circular are as follows:
  1. Magnetic compass installation is to be approved by vessel's classification society in compliance with applicable regulations.
  2. Administration requires magnetic compass is to be adjusted at least every 24 months (2 years) and deviation table is to be drawn by professional adjuster, who is authorized by the administration of his principal place of business or; authorized by any Recognized Organization (RO) of the Antigua and Barbuda Administration.
  3. In cases where any permanent changes are made to any installations/ ship structure which may affect the magnetic compass deviation or it's installation; the deviation table is to be corrected accordingly and documentary evidence of same is to be provided until a proper compensation is performed at next suitable location.
- Ship owners/ operators and masters are advised to be guided by above.

**Enclosure:**

1. Department of Marine Services and Merchant Shipping (ADOMS) circular 2018-001 issued April 2018.

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