



## **NOTICE TO SHIPPING**

The Kingdom of the Netherlands announces that the Netherlands Antilles dissolves per the 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2010. Consequently, Curaçao per this date attains its new status as autonomous country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. All vessels registered in Willemstad continue to do so. The Directorate of Shipping & Maritime Affairs of the Netherlands Antilles shall hence forth bear the name of Maritime Authority of Curaçao. All flag state responsibilities concerning vessels registered in the former country the Netherlands Antilles rest with the new country of Curaçao. Curaçao also assumes port and coast state responsibilities for its territory. Above the coat of arms of the Netherlands Antilles (left) and Curaçao (right) are illustrated.

### **To whom it may concern**

#### **The Government of Curaçao hereby declares the following:**

*All vessels carrying certificates and documents of the Netherlands Antilles shall retain Willemstad as port of the flag registry (currently the flag registry of The Netherlands Antilles), however where the name "The Netherlands Antilles" appears on documents, this shall be read as "Curaçao" after the date of the 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2010. The certificates and documents will remain valid until their expiry date, after which they will be replaced with "Curaçao" certificates and documents.*

*All certificates and documents, concerning ships registered in Willemstad, issued after the date of the 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2010, shall be issued by the new Government of Curaçao, which remains part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.*

*All vessels shall continue to fly the flag of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.*

*All conventions that apply to the Netherlands Antilles, are applicable to the new country of Curaçao. Similarly, the contract of the Netherlands Antilles with the Recognised Organisations remains applicable to Curaçao.*

*This declaration remains valid until all certificates and documents have been renewed or replaced at the request of the owners before expiry date.*

Issued on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October, 2010 at Willemstad, Curaçao.

The Director of the Directorate of Shipping and Maritime Affairs  
On behalf of the Government of Curaçao

