



ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

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APPLICATION OF MANDATORY AND NON MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

**TO: SHIPOWNERS & SHIPS' OPERATORS & MANAGERS
SURVEYORS TO FLAG STATE ADMINISTRATION
CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES**

APPLICABLE TO ALL VESSELS

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The aim of this Circular is to give guidance on the technical/statutory standards which should be applied to St Vincent and the Grenadines ships.

The technical/statutory standards for St Vincent and the Grenadines ships are the applicable:

- International Conventions of International Maritime Organization (IMO).
- International Labour Organization (ILO), and
- International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
- See Annex
 - IACS No.99 Recommendations for the Safety of Cargo Vessels of less than Convention Size (Dec 2007).
Chapter I (GENERAL PROVISION), Section 3 (Survey and Maintenance), paragraph 3.2, the last sentence is replaced by "*It is recommended that such surveys should be carried out by a Classification Society recognized by St Vincent and the Grenadines Maritime Administration*".
Chapter II (WATERTIGHT INTEGRITY AND EQUIPMENT), Section 1 (Load Line Recommendations), vessels of less than 24 metres in length, flying St Vincent and the Grenadines Flag, are not required to comply with the relevant condition of assignment and the assignment of freeboard

together with Amendments and mandatory Resolutions.

Recognized Organizations, as part of their authorization, are required to support and implement where applicable, non-mandatory international requirements when performing approval, survey, audit and certification.

In applying standards St Vincent and the Grenadines Recognized Organizations should take into account any relevant interpretation, clarification or other advice issued by the St Vincent and the Grenadines Maritime Administration.

In the absence of such St Vincent and the Grenadines issued direction, IMO guidance, contained in IMO Resolutions and Circulars should be considered. In the absence of either Flag State or IMO guidance, relevant technical standards of the Recognized Organization,

including IACS Unified Requirements, Unified Interpretations, Procedural Requirements, etc. should be considered. The St Vincent and the Grenadines Maritime Administration expects that Owners, Managers and Builders will also take the above into account.

The carriage of printed or digital copies of the documents above mentioned on board St Vincent and the Grenadines registered ships is not, in general, mandatory. However Owners and Managers are reminded that it remains their responsibility, under the obligations placed upon the Company by the ISM Code, to ensure that members of the shipboard management team knows the conventions related to their duties. In this regard, it is expected that the full text of these documents will be available on board for reference in either hard copy or digital form.

The St Vincent and the Grenadines Maritime Administration also recommends that Owners and Managers of St Vincent and the Grenadines ships adopt the practices contained in applicable non-mandatory Resolutions and Circulars that provide alternative to, and clarifications of, the requirements contained in the Conventions and Codes.

The attention of all parties is drawn to the availability of the Conventions and Codes from the IMO Publication Department (Fax no: +44 20 7587 3241, e-mail: publications-sales@imo.org and most nautical publishers/bookshops.

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