



ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

CIRCULAR N° GEN 019

RESOLUTION MSC 349(92) CODE FOR RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS (RO'S CODE) Part 2 Points 8.6 and 8.7

TO: **RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS (RO), FLAG STATE INSPECTORS, SHIP OWNERS, SHIPS' OPERATORS, SHIPS' MANAGERS AND MASTERS**

APPLICABLE TO: **ALL VESSELS**

EFFECTIVE AS FROM: Date of this Circular

4th May 2015

- 1) This Administration may grant to an individual ship exemption(s) from the provisions of a Convention if the ship complies with the conditions established by such Convention, for the specific exemption.
- 2) When an exemption is granted to a ship under and in accordance with the provisions of an International Convention, an Exemption Certificate will be issued in addition to the certificates requested by those Conventions.
- 3) A request for an Exemption Certificate should be sent to technical@svg-marad.com or qualtech@svg-marad.com according to Circular GEN 001 as amended.
- 4) The request should be made for each individual ship separately and should include the Application Form correctly filled in with the RO's stamp/signature and technical comments (the Application Form is annexed to Circular GEN 001 as amended).
- 5) This Administration authorizes all Recognized Organizations to issue an Exemption Certificate with a validity which will not exceed the validity of the Certificate to which it is related, if not otherwise specified.
- 6) If the condition of a ship or its equipment does not comply with the requirements of an International Convention, this Administration may authorize the Recognized Organization which has issued the vessel's Statutory Certificates, to issue a Conditional or Short Term Certificate, provided that the ship can proceed to sea without endangering itself and the persons on board, or without presenting unreasonable threat or harm to the marine environment. The Recognized Organization should ensure that the corrective action is taken and should advise this Administration in due course. If such a corrective action is not taken before the Conditional Certificate's expiry date, this Administration should be notified immediately and the Certificate withdrawn.
- 7) The Recognized Organizations should send their request for authorization to issue Conditional Certificates to technical@svg-marad.com or qualtech@svg-marad.com.

Conditional certificates cannot be issued without the previous authorization of technical@svg-marad.com / qualtech@svg-marad.com

- 8) The request should be made for each individual ship separately and should include the reason(s) for which a Conditional/Short Term Certificate is requested.
- 9) This Administration will decide of the validity of the Conditional/Short Term Certificate on a case by case basis.
- 10) The Recognized Organizations should maintain all records related to monitoring activities such as:
 - Plans;
 - Reports;
 - Manuals, books, information (such as but not limited to Stability Information to the Master) and documents required by the International Convention to be approved by this Administration (or by the RO on behalf of this Administration). Non-conformity reports;
 - Results of oversight programme review;
 - Records related to personnel such as:
 - Assigned personnel competence and performance evaluation
 - Maintenance and improvement of competence

All ships' records should be kept during the ship's life provided that the ship remains registered under St Vincent and the Grenadines' Flag.

- 11) ROs recognized by this Administration are authorized to liaise with each other in accordance with the provisions of the Recognized Organizations' Code (MSC.349 (92)).