



ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

CIRCULAR N° POL 004

Revised MARPOL Annex VI and revised NOx Technical Resolution MEPC 58, Dated October 2008

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

APPLICABLE TO: ALL SHIPS SUBJECT TO MARPOL Annex VI
ENTRY INTO FORCE: 1st Jul 2010

Monaco, 15th Dec, 2008.

At MEPC 58 which was held in October 2008, the IMO adopted the revised MARPOL Annex VI. The entry into force date of the Annex was changed from 01st March 2010 to 01st July 2010.

Now the implementation dates of the sulphur oxide limits in SOx Emission Control Areas are as follows:

Date	Maximum allowable fuel oil sulphur content
Before 01 st July 2010	1.50 % m/m
On or after 01 st July 2010	1.00 % m/m
On or after 01 st January 2015	0.10 % m/m

For all other areas, the SOx limits remain the same:

Date	Maximum allowable fuel oil sulphur content
Before 01 st January 2012	4.50 % m/m
On or after 01 st January 2012	3.50 % m/m
On or after 01 st January 2020	0.50 % m/m