



# ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

## MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

### CIRCULAR N° PSC 018 – Rev. 1

#### **SURVEYS OF ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES VESSELS UPON DETENTION BY PORT STATE CONTROL**

**Instructions to Recognized Organizations to enhance Flag State Control over  
Safety Standard of St Vincent and the Grenadines Ships.**

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

Monaco, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

**The present Circular, Circular N° PSC 001 Rev.1 and Circular N° PSC 016 should  
be kept on board vessels flying the St Vincent and the Grenadines Flag.**

The St Vincent and the Grenadines Maritime Administration has noted that Circular PSC 001 has not always been properly enforced by all parties concerned; this Administration has therefore decided to amend the relevant procedures.

All Owners, Managers and Masters of St Vincent and the Grenadines flagged vessels are urged to comply with the requirements of the new procedures.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS OF THE ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES MARITIME ADMINISTRATION TO ITS RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS.**

The present instructions aim at enhancing the control of the Flag State over safety standards of St Vincent and the Grenadines ships. These are additional instructions to our Circulars PSC 001 and PSC 016. All terms used are as defined in international conventions for the implementation of which relevant authorizations have been given to Recognized Organizations.

##### **A.1. SURVEYS AFTER DETENTION**

###### **1.1. Surveys after First Detention (during a two year period)**

When a St Vincent and the Grenadines flagged ship is detained, the Company managing the ship or the ship's Master should inform immediately the Flag Administration and request the Recognized Organization (RO) to attend the vessel

immediately. RO's surveyor shall not limit this inspection to the deficiencies noted by Port State Control. Failure to comply will result in the following:

- An additional audit of the Company by RO (equivalent to the initial audit) due to failure to comply with National requirements shall take place within a reasonable delay, but not later than one (1) month from the date of the detention.
- Upon arrival at the next port of call, the Statutory Certificates will cease to be valid until all required surveys are satisfactorily completed and an additional shipboard audit carried out by RO and/or Flag Administration. Audit Report shall be submitted to the Flag Administration

1.1.1 The provisions A.1.1.2. of Circular PSC 001 apply.

1.1.2 The provisions A.1.1.3. of Circular PSC 001 apply

1.1.3 The provisions A.1.1.4. of Circular PSC 001 apply

1.2. **Surveys after the Second Detention** (during a two year period)

When a St Vincent and the Grenadines flagged ship is detained twice within two years (irrespective of the detaining authority/MOU), in addition to the provisions of paragraph 1.1 the following will be applied:

1.2.1. Additional audit of the shore based Safety Management System (SMS) will be carried out by RO to the extent of an initial audit, due to failure to comply with National/International requirements.

1.2.2. Audit and survey of the ship by the RO, not necessarily limited to the extent of the statutory certificates. Audit Report shall be submitted to the Flag Administration.

1.2.3. This Administration reserves the right to attend the ship on the occasion of the above mentioned audit and inspection. All expenses will be charged to the Owners' or Managers' account.

It is again emphasised that the Company managing the ship or the ship's Master should inform the Flag Administration about the detention and request the Recognized Organization (RO) to attend the vessel immediately.

1.3. **Surveys after the Third Detention** (during a two year period)

When a St Vincent and the Grenadines flagged ship is detained three times within two years (irrespective of the detaining authority/ MOU) the following will be applied:

1.3.1. All Statutory Certificates will be suspended as from the date of the detention.

1.3.2. An initial audit of the Company, to be carried out by RO, will be required. Audit Report shall be submitted to the Flag Administration

1.3.3. All Statutory Certificates will be reinstated provided that:

1.3.3.1. The RO has carried out Statutory Certificates renewal surveys and there are no outstanding items or recommendations to the extent possible.

1.3.3.2. The RO has carried out initial shipboard audit. Audit Report shall be submitted to the Flag Administration.

1.3.4. This Administration reserves the right to attend the ship on the occasion of the above mentioned audit and inspection. All expenses will be charged to Owners' or Managers' account.

## **A.2 BANNED SHIPS (REFUSAL OF ACCESS ORDER)**

When a St Vincent and the Grenadines flagged ship is banned (Refusal of Access Order) by a specific MOU the following will be applied:

2.1. All Statutory Certificates will be suspended as soon as the ship calls at the first port after the detention port.

2.2. An initial audit of the Company will be required.

2.3. All statutory certificates will be reinstated provided that:

2.3.1. The RO has carried out statutory certificates renewal surveys and there are no outstanding items or recommendations to the extent possible.

2.3.2. The RO has carried out initial shipboard audit.

2.4. Attestation issued by the RO confirming that the ship fully complies with all provisions of the applicable International Conventions (including ILO and STCW) and subsequently by the Flag Administration.

2.5. The PSC authority which has banned the vessel has re-inspected it in order to lift the ban.

## **A.3 FOURTH DETENTION**

If the vessel is detained four times within two years (irrespective of the detaining authority/MOU) or is banned for the second time by a specific MOU, the following will be applied:

3.1. The vessel will be deleted from the St Vincent and the Grenadines Registry.

3.2. The DoC of the Company issued on behalf of this Administration will be re-examined (if the Company manages other St Vincent and the Grenadines flagged vessels).

## **A.4 SURVEYS AFTER PSC INSPECTION WITH DEFICIENCIES IDENTIFIED WHICH DID NOT WARRANT DETENTION.**

4.1. Company or Master obligation to inform the Flag Administration: provide the Port State Control inspection report and detailed/technically justified comments. Failure to do so might lead to an additional shore based audit by RO.

4.2. The provisions A.2.2.1. of circular PSC 001 apply.

## **B.1 OUTSTANDING RECOMMENDATIONS**

The provisions A.3. of Circular PSC 001 apply.

## **B.2 ISM**

The provisions A.4 of circular PSC 001 and Circular PSC 016 apply.

## **B.3 POSTPONEMENT OF RENEWAL SURVEYS**

The provisions B of circular PSC 001 apply.

## **B.4 MONITORING**

In order to monitor the full implementation of the present circular, ALL Port State Control detentions as well as all Port State Control inspections with deficiencies identified which did not warrant detention must be notified immediately to:

- [monaco@svg-marad.com](mailto:monaco@svg-marad.com)
- [qualtech@svg-marad.com](mailto:qualtech@svg-marad.com)
- [technical@svg-marad.com](mailto:technical@svg-marad.com)

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**FIRST DETENTION**

Has the Company managing the ship or the ship's Master immediately informed the Flag Administration and requested the Recognized Organization to attend the vessel immediately?

**YES**

- The provisions A.1.1.2. of Circular PSC 001 apply.
- The provisions A.1.1.3. of Circular PSC 001 apply.
- The provisions A.1.1.4. of Circular PSC 001 apply

**NO**

- Statutory certificates cease to be valid upon arrival at the next port
- Additional audit (initial) of the Company by RO to be carried out
- RO has to attend the ship
- Additional shipboard audit by RO and/or Flag Administration to be carried out.
- The provisions A.1.1.2. of Circular PSC 001 apply.
- The provisions A.1.1.3. of Circular PSC 001 apply.
- The provisions A.1.1.4. of Circular PSC 001 apply.

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## **SECOND DETENTION**

Has the Company managing the ship or the ship's Master immediately informed the Flag Administration and requested the Recognized Organization to attend the vessel?

### **YES**

- The provisions A.1.1.2. of Circular PSC 001 apply.
- The provisions A.1.1.3. of Circular PSC 001 apply
- The provisions A.1.1.4. of Circular PSC 001 apply
- Additional audit (initial) of the Company by RO to be carried out
- Additional shipboard audit by RO and/or Flag Administration to be carried out

### **NO**

- Statutory certificates cease to be valid upon arrival at the next port
- Additional audit (initial) of the Company by RO to be carried out
- RO has to attend the ship
- Additional shipboard audit by RO and/or Flag Administration to be carried out
- The provisions A.1.1.2. of Circular PSC 001 apply
- The provisions A.1.1.3. of Circular PSC 001 apply
- The provisions A.1.1.4. of Circular PSC 001 apply

### **THIRD DETENTION**

All Statutory Certificates will be suspended as from the date of the detention

Has the Company managing the ship or the ship's Master immediately informed the Flag Administration and requested the Recognized Organization to attend the vessel?

#### **YES**

- All Statutory Certificates will be suspended as from the date of the detention
- An initial audit of the Company by RO will be carried out.
- All Statutory Certificates will be reinstated provided that:
  1. The RO has satisfactorily carried out renewal surveys, issued Statutory Certificates, and there are no outstanding items or recommendations to the extent possible.
  2. Satisfactory shipboard audit by RO should be carried out.

#### **NO**

- All Statutory Certificates will be suspended as from the date of the detention
- An initial audit of the Company by RO will be carried out.
- All Statutory Certificates will be reinstated provided that:
  1. The RO has satisfactorily carried out renewal certificates, issued Statutory Certificates and there are no outstanding items or recommendations to the extent possible.
  2. Satisfactory shipboard audit by RO should be carried out.