



ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

CIRCULAR N° SOL 009 – Rev. 5

OFFSHORE VESSELS (SELF OR NON-SELF-PROPELLED)

TO: SHIPOWNERS, SHIPS' OPERATORS AND MANAGERS, RECOGNISED ORGANISATIONS

APPLICABLE TO: OFFSHORE VESSELS (SELF OR NON-SELF-PROPELLED)

EFFECTIVE AS FROM: Date of the circular

28 November 2025

1. Self-propelled vessels engaged in offshore operations and carrying more than twelve (12) industrial personnel must comply with SOLAS Chapter XV – “Safety Measures for Ships Carrying Industrial Personnel” and with the Industrial Personnel (IP) Code.
2. Non-self-propelled vessels, including—but not limited to, accommodation barges that accommodate or carry more than twelve (12) industrial personnel must ensure that their equipment, auxiliary machinery, structural fire protection, stability/damage stability and safety equipment meet the relevant requirements of the Code of Safety for Special Purpose Ships (SPS Code), as amended, applied as an equivalent standard.
A Class Attestation confirming compliance with these equivalent standards must be issued by the vessel's Classification Society. This Attestation must be kept on board and made available upon request.
3. The ISM and ISPS Codes are generally not applicable to offshore non-self-propelled vessels unless they are operated in the vicinity of oil rigs and/or in areas subject to heightened security or operational risk (refer to Circular SOL 010).
However, these Codes do apply to offshore non-self-propelled vessels carrying more than twelve (12) industrial personnel on board, in accordance with the Administration's risk-based requirements.

The present Circular is not applicable to vessels of less than 24 metres.