



ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

CIRCULAR N° SOL 009 – Rev. 3

OFFSHORE VESSELS (SELF OR NON SELF-PROPELLED)

TO: SHIPOWNERS, SHIPS' OPERATORS AND MANAGERS, MASTERS, FLAG STATE SURVEYORS AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS

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The present Circular will enter into force upon the ship's first Class Renewal Survey completed after 31st December 2006.

1. Self propelled vessels engaged in offshore operations and carrying more than twelve (12) industrial personnel on board are required to be certified either as a Passenger Ship under the provision of SOLAS 74 as amended or as a Special Purpose Ship under the provision of the Code of Safety for Special Purpose Ship as amended.
2. Non self-propelled vessels, such as but not limited to Accommodation Barges, accommodating/carrying more than twelve (12) industrial personnel on board, their equipment, auxiliary machinery, structural fire arrangement, stability/damage stability and safety equipment should comply with the provisions of the Code of Safety for Special Purpose Ships as amended.

A certifying Attestation to this effect should be issued by the Classification Society. This Attestation should be kept and available on board.

3. ISM and ISPS Codes are not applicable for offshore non self-propelled vessels unless the vessels are operated near oil rigs and/or areas at risk (see our Circular SOL 010).

ISM and ISPS Codes are applicable for offshore non self-propelled vessels carrying more than twelve (12) industrial personnel on board.

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