



ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

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**Arrangements for remotely located survival crafts
(SOLAS regulations III/31.1.4, III/7.2.1.2, III/11.4, III/11.7, III/16.7
and MSC.1/Circ. 1243 dated 29th October 2007)**

**TO: SHIPOWNERS, SHIPS OPERATOR & MANAGERS
SURVEYORS TO FLAG STATE ADMINISTRATION
CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES**

APPLICABLE TO: All vessels to which SOLAS 74 apply, contracted for construction on or after 1st January 2007

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Monaco, 19th January 2010.

Life rafts required by regulation III/31.1.4 shall be regarded as “remotely located survival craft” with regard to regulation III/7.2.1.2.

The area where these remotely located survival craft(s) is/are stowed shall be provided with:

- a minimum number of two lifejackets and two immersion suits;
- adequate means of illumination, either fixed or portable, which shall be capable of illuminating the life rafts stowage position as well as the area into which the life raft should be launched. Portable lights, when used, shall have brackets to permit their positioning on both sides of the vessel; and
- an embarkation ladder or other means of embarkation enabling descent to the water in a controlled manner as per regulation III/11.7. A knotted rope is not acceptable as controlled manner. The approval of other means of embarkation, enabling the descent to the water in a controlled manner on regards to life raft under regulation III/31.1.4, shall be carried out by the Recognized Organization, taking into consideration requirements, material, characteristics and dimensions criteria.