



ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

CIRCULAR N° SOL 070

INTERNATIONAL CODE OF SAFETY FOR SHIPS CARRYING INDUSTRIAL PERSONNEL (IP CODE)

SOLAS Chapter XV

TO: SHIP OWNERS/ MANAGING COMPANIES AND MASTERS

APPLICABLE TO: Cargo ships and high-speed cargo craft, of 500 gross tonnage and upwards which carry more than 12 industrial personnel.

EFFECTIVE AS FROM: 1 July 2024

Date: 18 September 2023

Applicability of the IP Code

SOLAS Chapter XV will enter into force on 1st July, 2024. The International Code of Safety for Ships Carrying Industrial Personnel (IP Code) will be mandatory for all cargo ships and high-speed cargo craft, of 500 gross tonnage and over, carrying more than 12 industrial personnel, and engaged on international voyages.

SOLAS Chapter XV is applicable for cargo ships and high-speed cargo as follows:

- A) New cargo ships and high-speed cargo craft constructed on, or after, the 1st July, 2024.
- B) Existing cargo ships and high-speed cargo craft constructed before the 1st July, 2024. Existing ships are divided into two groups as follows:
 - 1) Cargo ships and high-speed cargo craft which **are authorized by this Administration to carry** more than 12 industrial personnel in accordance with Resolution MSC.418(97); and
 - 2) Cargo ships and high-speed cargo craft which **are NOT authorized by this Administration** to carry more than 12 industrial personnel in accordance with Resolution MSC.418(97).

B1 group of ships

Cargo ships: Vessels shall comply with the requirements III/1, III/2 (except for paragraph 2.1.7), IV/7 and IV/8 of the IP Code by the first intermediate or renewal survey, whichever occurs first, after the 1st July, 2024.

High-speed cargo craft: Vessels shall comply with the requirements III/1, III/2 (except for paragraph 2.1.7), V/7 and V/8 of the IP Code by the third periodical or first renewal survey, whichever occurs first, after the 1st July, 2024.

B2 group of ships

Cargo ships and high-speed cargo craft, irrespective of date of construction, which prior to the 1st July, 2024 have not been authorized by the Administration to carry more than 12 industrial personnel based on the recommendations developed by the Organization, shall comply and be certified in accordance with this Chapter and the IP Code, prior to the carriage of more than 12 industrial personnel on board.

Shipowners and Ship Managers are advised to seek authorization in line with Resolution MSC.418(97) prior to the entry into force of the IP Code. Any such request shall be made through the vessel's Recognised Organisation (RO). RO should clearly indicate their support or reservation of any aspect of the application, and if relevant, any recommendations or conditions that may be considered.

Upon granting authorisation, the RO shall issue a Statement of Compliance for the Carriage of Industrial Personnel in accordance with the Interim Recommendations of Resolution MSC.418(97).