



ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

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TRANSFER OF CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY

**TO: CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES
SHIPOWNERS, SHIPS' OPERATORS AND MANAGERS**

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The aim of the present circular is to harmonize the statutory surveys to be carried out by the gaining Classification Societies recognized by this Maritime Administration when a transfer of Class occurs.

For Statutory certificates closely linked to the Class (Loadline, Construction, MARPOL etc ...) which are still valid, same type of surveys as the ones required for Class Hull, with a minimum of Mandatory Annual Survey (e.g. if an intermediate survey Hull is required, then annual survey for Load Line, annual or intermediate survey for Construction, depending on the ship's type, intermediate survey for MARPOL, will be required). The Statutory Certificates will then be re-issued for the remaining period of validity as in the Statutory Certificates issued by the losing Society.

In case of expired or extended certificates, renewal statutory surveys should be carried out.

For other Statutory Certificates (Equipment, Radio, Passenger), a renewal survey is required.

For Statutory certificates not issued by the losing Society, an initial survey is required.

In case of conditional certificates, in addition to the above survey requirements, the deficiencies endorsed by the losing Society shall be re-examined and dealt with as necessary. Limit dates of these deficiencies cannot be extended.

The gaining Society should not issue Short Term and/or Full Term Statutory Certificates, or other documents enabling the vessel to trade:

1. until all overdue statutory surveys and all overdue statutory recommendations previously issued against the subject vessel as specified to the Owner by the losing Society, have been completed and rectified by:
 - a) the gaining Society, for vessel less than 15 years age;
 - b) the losing Society, for vessels 15 years age and above.
2. prior to give the opportunity to the Administration to provide any further instructions within three (3) working days.

The losing Society is requested to provide the gaining Society with the ship's Port State Control History Reports, content of which is:

- Place(s) and date(s) of PSC inspection(s)/detention(s) during the last three (3) years (as far as available in the ship's file).

Classification Societies IACS Members and associated are requested to implement exclusively IACS PR12 statutory certification at change of Class without change of flag.

Following a Transfer of Class, a new Certificate of Registry stating the gaining Society should be issued.

In order to issue the new Certificate of Registry, this Administration requires a Statement from the gaining Society confirming that the applicable Statutory Surveys have been satisfactorily carried out and that the relevant Statutory Certificates have been issued. Upon receipt of confirmation from the gaining Society that all surveys are in progress and pending the issue by the gaining Society of the above-mentioned Statement, a Provisional Certificate of Registry stating the name of the gaining Society may be issued at the request of the interested parties.

The vessel's Managers will replace the previous Certificate of Registry by the Provisional Certificate of Registry as soon as the gaining Society has issued the Statutory Certificates. The previous Certificate of Registry should be returned to this Administration. Upon receipt of the Statement from the gaining Society confirming that the applicable Statutory Surveys have been satisfactorily carried out and the Statutory Certificates have been issued, this Administration will issue the Full Term Certificate of Registry.

The vessel's Managers will replace the Provisional Certificate of Registry by the Full Term Certificate of Registry as soon as the gaining Society has issued the Statutory Certificates. The Provisional Certificate of Registry should then be returned to this Administration.