



ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

CIRCULAR N° FSI 003 - Rev. 2

FLAG STATE INSPECTION POLICY

**TO: SHIPOWNERS & SHIPS' OPERATORS & MANAGERS
SURVEYORS TO FLAG STATE ADMINISTRATION
CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES**

APPLICABLE TO: All vessels subject to Annual Flag State Inspections
ENTRY INTO FORCE: Date of this Circular

3rd November 2017

This Administration has performed the periodical review of the vessels' Port State Control inspections records.

The periodical review has assessed that there is a certain number of vessels with good Port State Control records (no detentions during the last two years).

This Administration wishes to reward the Managers of these vessels and, has decided that the Flag State Inspection would only be requested every **two years**. Our Circular PSC 018 will, nevertheless, remain applicable.

This concerns vessels:

- engaged in trade
- which have not been detained in any MOU ports during the last two years
- which reported no deficiency during the last Flag State Inspection
- which are not under special surveillance regime;

The periodical review has also assessed that a certain number of vessels are potentially substandard and, for these vessels, it has been decided that the following special surveillance regime will be implemented:

- Flag State Inspection will be requested every **six months**;
- Strict implementation of our Circular PSC 018;
- Vessels Classification Societies will be informed about the special surveillance regime;
- Special surveillance regime will be removed after two years of vessels' satisfactory performance.

Flag State Inspections on ships of less than 24 metres in length (overall) are not required.