



# ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

## MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

### CIRCULAR N° GEN 002 - Rev. 3

## APPLICATION OF MANDATORY AND NON MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

**TO: RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS (RO), FLAG STATE INSPECTORS, SHIP OWNERS, SHIPS' OPERATORS AND MANAGERS, MASTERS AND SEAFARERS**

**APPLICABLE TO: ALL SHIPS**

**EFFECTIVE AS FROM:** Date of this Circular

31<sup>st</sup> January 2018

The aim of this Circular is to give guidance on the technical/statutory standards which should be applied to St Vincent and The Grenadines ships.

Standards stated by this Circular are to the satisfaction of this Administration. The technical/statutory standards for St Vincent and The Grenadines' ships are applicable:

- International Conventions of International Maritime Organization (IMO).
- International Labour Organization (ILO), and
- International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
- See Annex
  
- IACS No.99 Recommendations for the Safety of Cargo Vessels of less than Convention Size (Dec 2007);  
Chapter I (GENERAL PROVISION), Section 3 (Survey and Maintenance), paragraph 3.2, the last sentence is replaced by "*It is recommended that such surveys should be carried out by a Classification Society recognized by St Vincent and The Grenadines Maritime Administration*".  
Chapter II (WATERTIGHT INTEGRITY AND EQUIPMENT), Section 1 (Load Line Recommendations), vessels of less than 24 metres, flying St Vincent and The Grenadines Flag, are not required to comply with the relevant condition of assignment and the assignment of freeboard.

together with Amendments and mandatory Resolutions.

Polar Code is applicable as far as practicable to ships (pleasure and commercial yachts included) which are not subject to SOLAS and MARPOL, and which may be operated in polar waters (as defined by Polar Code).

Ship Owners/Managers/Operators are required to contact this Administration in order to identify the applicable requirements of the Polar Code on a case by case basis.

Recognized Organizations, as part of their authorization, are required to support and implement, where applicable, non-mandatory international requirements when performing approval, survey, audit and certification.

In applying standards St Vincent and The Grenadines' Recognized Organizations should take into account any relevant interpretation, clarification or other advice issued by St Vincent and The Grenadines Maritime Administration.

In the absence of St Vincent and The Grenadines' issued directives, IMO guidance, contained in IMO Resolutions, Circulars and IMO Circulars on Unified Interpretations (<http://docs.imo.org/>) should be considered. In the absence of either Flag State or IMO guidance, relevant technical standards of the Recognized Organization, including IACS Unified Requirements, Unified Interpretations, Procedural Requirements (<http://www.iacs.org.uk/>), etc. should be considered. The Owners, Managers and Builders are expected to take the above into consideration.

The carriage of printed or digital copies of the above-mentioned documents on board St Vincent and The Grenadines' registered ships is not, in general, mandatory. However Owners and Managers are reminded that it remains their responsibility, under the obligations placed upon the Company by the ISM Code, to ensure that members of the shipboard management team know the Conventions related to their duties. In this regard, it is expected that the full text of these documents is available on board for reference in either a hard copy or digital form.

St Vincent and The Grenadines Maritime Administration also recommends that Owners and Managers of St Vincent and The Grenadines' ships adopt the practices contained in applicable non-mandatory Resolutions and Circulars which provide alternatives and clarifications of the requirements contained in the Conventions and Codes.

The attention of all parties is drawn to the availability of the Conventions and Codes from the IMO Publication Department (Fax no: +44 20 7587 3241, e-mail: [publications-sales@imo.org](mailto:publications-sales@imo.org) and most nautical publishers/bookshops.

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