



ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

**CIRCULAR N° GEN 008**

**GUIDANCE ON THE TIMING OF REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING  
CERTIFICATES BY CERTIFICATES ISSUED  
AFTER THE COMING INTO FORCE OF AMENDMENTS  
TO CERTIFICATES IN THE IMO INSTRUMENT**

**TO:** **SHIPOWNERS, SHIPS' OPERATORS AND  
MANAGERS, MASTERS  
RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS, SURVEYORS TO  
FLAG STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**APPLICABLE TO:** All vessels  
**EFFECTIVE AS FROM:** 6<sup>th</sup> August 2009

Monaco, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2009

This Administration highlights the importance of the implementation of the guidance on the timing of replacement of existing certificates by certificates issued after the coming into force of amendments to certificates in IMO instruments as described in the annexed MSC-MEPC.5/Circ.6.