



ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

CIRCULAR N° GEN 024

INVENTORY OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

TO: **SHIP OWNERS/SHIP OPERATORS/MANAGERS,
MASTERS**

APPLICABLE TO: All ships

EFFECTIVE AS FROM: 31 December 2020

12th February 2019

The primary regulations impacting the inventory of hazardous materials are as follows:

- a) The Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, not yet in force, and
- b) the EU Regulation No 1257/2013 on Ship Recycling (EU SRR) which entered into force on 30 December 2013 and is applicable to ships flagged with EU Member States and non-EU flagged ships calling on EU ports.

Essential to the implementation scheme of the Hong Kong Convention and the EU SRR is the development and maintenance of a document referred to as the Inventory of Hazardous Materials (IHM), listing the type and amount of hazardous materials and their location on board. An IHM must be thorough and ship specific and updated throughout the life of a vessel to support an effective plan to discard hazardous materials.

EU adopted Regulation (EU) No. 1257/2013 which brings into force an early implementation of the requirements of the Hong Kong Convention for the development and maintaining IHM, including requirements for foreign or non-EU flagged ships.

This requires a foreign or **non-EU-flagged vessels** of 500 GT and more, including submersibles, floating crafts, floating platforms, self-elevating platforms, Floating storage units (FSUs), and Floating Production Storage and Offloading Units (FPSOs), including a vessel stripped of equipment or being towed, calling at EU ports or anchorages, to have onboard a verified IHM with a Statement of Compliance at the earliest **by 31 December 2020**.

IHM should be completed taking into account the relevant IMO guidelines and is should be verified by a Recognized Organization to this Administration.

Statement of compliance pursuant Article 2.1 and article 12 of the European Directive EU/1257/2013 should be issued by a Recognized Organization to this Administration.

Ship owners/ Ship operators/Managers and masters are required to take note of the above.