



ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

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NAIROBI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE REMOVAL OF WRECKS, 2007

TO: SHIP OWNERS/SHIP OPERATORS/MANAGERS,
MASTERS

APPLICABLE TO: Ships over 300GT

EFFECTIVE AS FROM: 02 October 2020

Date: 16th July 2020

The Maritime Administration of St. Vincent and the Grenadines wishes to refer to the **Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007**, and to state that, in accordance with **article 17(1)(b) of the Convention**, accession by Saint Vincent and the Grenadines was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 2 July 2020 to the IMO.

The instrument of accession by Saint Vincent and the Grenadines contained the following declaration: "**Pursuant to article 3, paragraph 2 of the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines declares to extend the application of this Convention to wrecks located within its territory, including the territorial sea.**"

The registered owner of a ship of 300 gross tonnage and above and flying the flag of St Vincent and the Grenadines shall be required to maintain insurance or other financial security to cover liability for costs of wreck removal, capped at an amount equal to the limits of liability under the applicable national or international limitation regime under this Convention.

A certificate WRC attesting that insurance or other financial security is in force in accordance with the provisions of this Convention shall be issued to each ship of 300 gross tonnage and above by the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Maritime Administration

If you do not have a valid WRC issued by St Vincent and the Grenadines, please submit the Blue Card to the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Maritime Administration for the issuance of the WRC to your ships.

Owners of all ships of 300 gross tonnage and above that call at ports within the territories of St Vincent and the Grenadines, including the territorial sea, are also required to carry a WRC to attest that they have obtained adequate insurance coverage.

The WRC allows State Parties to issue the WRC State certificates to ships belonging to non-Convention States.

The Convention will enter into force for Saint Vincent and the Grenadines on 2 October 2020, in accordance with article 18(2) of the Convention.