



ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

CIRCULAR N° GEN 026

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 WRC requires owners of ships over 300GT to take out insurance or provide other financial security to cover the costs of wreck removal, capped at an amount equal to the limits of liability under the applicable national or international limitation regime. Owners of ships that call at ports of State Parties which mandate the certificate as a port entry requirement, are also required to carry a WRC State certificate 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. We would like to advise owners, managers and masters calling at ports of State Parties to check with the local agents on whether the WRC State certificate is a port entry requirement. If so, please submit the Blue Card to the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Maritime Administration for the issuance of the WRC State Certificate to your ships.

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.