

ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

CIRCULAR N°ISM 011

VIOLATION OF MANDATORY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS BY MASTER OR OFFICERS

MASTER AND OFFICERS

SHIPOWNERS, SHIPS' OPERATORS, MANAGERS,

TO:

APPLICABLE TO: ALL VESSELS

EFFECTIVE AS FROM: Date of this Circular

29th May 2012

In accordance with ISM Code Clause 6.2., a Company should ensure that each ship is manned with **qualified**, certificated and medically fit seafarers according to national and international requirements.

This Administration will consider that a Master's/Officer's qualification is not in accordance with ISM Clause 6.2 when a mandatory international Convention such as SOLAS, MARPOL, COLREG etc. has been violated.

This Administration will thoroughly investigate all alleged violations of mandatory International Conventions

STCW endorsements issued by this Administration may be suspended or revoked and/or fines may be imposed to the Owner/Operator/Manager. The Company's performance will also be closely monitored and should a violation of a mandatory International Convention re-occur, an additional office audit by this Administration or by the Recognized Organization may be requested.