



ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

CIRCULAR N° MLC 003

MEDICAL CARE ON-BOARD SHIP

TO: ROs, FLAG STATE SURVEYORS, SHIP OWNERS, SHIPS' OPERATORS AND MANAGERS, MASTERS AND SEAFARERS

APPLICABLE TO: ALL SHIPS WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO MLC 2006 CERTIFICATION

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Introduction

1. This Circular provides guidance on medical care on Saint Vincent and the Grenadines ships to satisfy the requirements of Regulation 4.1, paragraph 4 of Standard A4.1 of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 and paragraph 12.3 of the DMLC Part 1 annexed to Circulars N° MLC 002 – Rev.1. It should be read in conjunction with Circular N° ILO 001.

Medical chest, surgical instruments and supplies

2. Ships shall continue to comply with Circular N° ILO 001 – Rev.1

Medical training

3. With regard to the level of medical training to be provided on-board ships that are not required to carry a medical doctor:

(a) ships which ordinarily are capable of reaching qualified medical care and medical facilities within eight hours shall have at least one designated seafarer with the approved medical first-aid training required by STCW Convention which will enable such persons to take immediate, effective action in case of accidents or illnesses likely to occur on-board a ship and to make use of medical advice by radio or satellite communication; and

(b) all other ships shall have at least one designated seafarer with approved training in medical care required by STCW Convention, including practical training and training in life-saving techniques such as intravenous therapy, which will enable the persons concerned to participate effectively in coordinated schemes for medical assistance to ships at sea, and to provide the sick or injured with a satisfactory standard of medical care during the period they are likely to remain on-board.

4. The training referred to in paragraph 2 of this Annex shall be based on the contents of the most recent editions of the International Medical Guide for Ships, the Medical First Aid Guide for Use in Accidents Involving Dangerous Goods, the Document for Guidance - An International Maritime Training Guide, and the medical section of the International Code of Signals.

5. Persons referred to in paragraph 2 of this Annex and such other seafarers as may be required by the Administration shall undergo, at approximately five-year intervals, refresher courses to enable them to maintain and increase their knowledge and skills and to keep up-to-date with new developments.