



ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

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ACCOMMODATION – SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT STANDARDS FOR NEW WORKBOATS OF 200GT TO LESS THAN 500GT

**TO: RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS (RO), FLAG STATE
INSPECTORS, SHIPOWNERS, MASTERS AND
SEAFARERS**

APPLICABLE TO: NEW WORKBOATS OF 200GT TO LESS THAN 500GT

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The purpose of this circular is to implement substantially equivalent arrangements to the crew accommodation requirements of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, to new workboats of 200 GT to less than 500 GT built after the Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) Regulations 2017 came into force (20 August 2013) .

Article VI (3) of the MLC allows a Member State to implement through provisions in its laws and regulations or other measures which are substantially equivalent to the provisions of Part A of the MLC.

This Maritime Administration has accepted substantially equivalent standards for the accommodation on new workboats of 200GT to less than 500GT which was initially developed by UK (MCA - Maritime Guidance Note - MGN 491(M) Amendment 1) .

All workboats of 200GT to less than 500GT shall comply with the seafarer accommodation requirements of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, transposed in the SVG as Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) Regulations 2017 except as permitted below:

1. Sleeping rooms may be provided below the reference load line if it can be shown that compliance with Standard A3.1, paragraph 6(c) of the MLC would compromise the functionality, safety or stability of the ship.

2. The floor of the sleeping room may be up to 2000 mm below the reference load line provided that:

.1 Adequate continuous climate control is provided, partly aimed at controlling of condensation and moisture related odours;

.2 At least two adequate escape routes are present;

.3 A bilge alarm which has its audible alarm in the watertight compartment of the sleeping room is available;

.4 Adequate, adjustable lighting is provided; the lack of daylight shall be compensated according to the needs of the seafarer;

.5 Appropriate materials and colours for wall and floor coverings are applied, which provide improved space perception;

.6 A minimum of 203 cm headroom in the accommodation must be provided.