



ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

CIRCULAR N° PSC 028

DENIAL OF ENTRY TO UNITED STATES WATERS FOR SUBSTANDARD VESSELS

TO: **SHIPOWNERS, SHIPS' OPERATORS, SHIPS'
MANAGERS AND MASTERS**

APPLICABLE TO: ALL SHIPS TRADING TO US WATERS

EFFECTIVE AS FROM: Date of present Circular

Monaco, 5th October 2010

USCG has stated that ships operating in waters subject to U.S. jurisdiction in a substandard condition and outside acceptable standards may be denied entry.

Denial of entry only applies to vessels which have been repeatedly detained - three detentions within the last twelve months - and if it is determined that failure to effectively implement the Safety Management System (SMS) may be a contributing factor to the substandard condition(s) that led to the detentions.

Further details can be obtained from the USCG at:

<http://homeport.uscg.mil/mycg/portal/ep/home.do>