



ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

CIRCULAR N° SOL 005

Emergency Escape Breathing Devices (EEBDs)

SOLAS 74 as amended
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Ch. II-2, Reg. 13.3.4 and 13.4.3
Entered into force on 1 July 2002 for all ships

**TO: SHIPOWNERS & SHIPS' OPERATORS & MANAGERS
SURVEYORS TO FLAG STATE ADMINISTRATION
CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES**

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All St Vincent and the Grenadines registered vessel are required to fully comply with Ch. II-2, Reg. 13.3.4, 13.4.3. and MSC/Circ. 849 and 1081.

The minimum number of EEBDs to be kept within accommodation spaces should be As follows:

- 1) for cargo ships: two (2) EEBDs and one (1) spare EEBD
- 2) for passenger ships carrying not more than 36 passengers: two (2) EEBDs for each main vertical zone, except those defined in the regulation 13.3.4.5, and a total of two (2) spare EEBDs; and
- 3) for passenger ships carrying more than 36 passengers: four (4) EEBDs for each main vertical zone, except those defined in the regulation 13.3.4.5, and a total of two (2) spare EEBDs.

1. This interpretation applies to machinery spaces where crew are normally employed or may be present on a routine basis.

2. In machinery spaces for category A containing internal combustion machinery used for main propulsion, EEBDs should be positioned as follows:

- .1 one (1) EEBD in the engine control room, if located within the machinery space;
- .2 one (1) EEBD in workshop areas. If there is, however, a direct access to an escape way from the workshop, an EEBD is not required; and
- .3 one (1) EEBD on each deck or platform level near the escape ladder

constituting the second means of escape from the machinery space (the other means being an enclosed escape trunk or watertight door at the lower level of the space).

Alternatively, different number or location may be determined by the Administration taking into consideration the layout and dimensions or the normal manning of the space.

3. For machinery spaces of category A other than those containing internal combustion machinery used for main propulsion, one (1) EEBD should, as a minimum, be provided on each deck or platform level near the escape ladder constituting the second means of escape from the space (the other means being an enclosed escape trunk or watertight door at the lower level of the space).

4. For other machinery spaces, the number and location of EEBDs are to be determined by the Classification Society Surveyor.

The number and location of all EEBDs onboard shall be indicated on the Fire Control Plan (Reg. 13.4.3.2)