



# ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

## MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

### CIRCULAR N° SOL 003 Rev. 1

#### **Immersion Suits and Thermal Protective Aids**

SOLAS 74 as amended in 1983 – Ch. III, Reg. 27.3

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

**APPLICABLE TO:** All cargo ships  
For cargo ships built before 1<sup>st</sup> July 1986 Reg.3 has been in force since 1<sup>st</sup> July 1991

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Unless the ship is equipped in accordance with Regulation 27.3.2.1 or 27.3.2.2, the following applies:

1. Provision of three immersion suits for each lifeboat. A person who is not provided with an immersion suits should be provided with thermal protective aid. The above is acceptable for voyages bounded by:
  - In the North by latitude 65 degrees North in the Atlantic Ocean and latitude 55 degrees North in the Pacific Ocean.
  - In the South by latitude 50 degrees South; and
  - East of longitude 10 degrees east in the Kattegat and Baltic Sea from 1<sup>st</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> November, including both days.

Provided that boarding a primary survival craft does not require prior entry in the water, otherwise an immersion suit should be provided for each person on board.

2. Exemption from these requirements will be favourably considered for ships engaged solely between the parallels of latitude of 30 degrees North and 30 degrees South.
3. For voyages outside the above trade areas, an immersion suit is required for every person on board the ship.