



# ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

## MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

### CIRCULAR N° SOL 022

#### SOLAS 74 AS AMENDED, CHAPTER V, Reg.19.1

#### Resolution MSC.202 (81)

**TO: SHIPOWNERS, SHIPS' OPERATORS AND MANAGERS  
SURVEYORS TO FLAG STATE ADMINISTRATION  
CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES AND PORT STATE CONTROL  
OFFICERS**

**APPLICABLE TO:** PASSENGER SHIP INCLUDING HIGH-SPEED  
PASSENGER CRAFT, CARGO SHIPS INCLUDING HIGH-  
SPEED CRAFT OF 300 GROSS TONNAGE\* AND  
UPWARDS, MOBILE OFFSHORE DRILLING UNITS

**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2008

Monaco, 11 February 2008

Ships shall be fitted with a system to automatically transmit the following long-range identification and tracking information:

- Ship's identity;
- Ship's position (latitude and longitude); and
- Date and time of the position provided

Systems and equipment used to meet the requirements of Regulation 19.1 shall conform to performance standards and functional requirements \*\* not inferior to those adopted by the Organization. Any shipboard equipment shall be of a type approved by the Administration.

Systems and equipment used to meet the requirements of Regulation 19.1 shall be capable of being switched off on board or be capable of ceasing the distribution of long-range identification and tracking information:

- Where international agreements, rules or standards provide for the protection of navigational information; or
- In exceptional circumstances and for the shortest duration possible where the operation is considered by the Master to compromise the safety or security of the ship. In such a case, the Master shall inform the Administration without undue delay and make an entry in the record of navigational activities and incidents maintained in accordance with Regulation 28 as amended by MSC

142(77) of SOLAS Chapter V setting out the reasons for the decision and indicating the period during which the system or equipment was switched off.

Ships shall be fitted with a system to automatically transmit the above mentioned long-range identification and tracking information as follows:

- Ships built on or after 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008;
- Ships built before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008 and certified for operation:
  - 1) in sea area A1 and A2 as defined in Regulations IV/2.1.12 and IV/2.1.13. or
  - 2) in sea area A1, A2 and A3 as defined in Regulations IV/2.1.12, IV/2.1.13 and IV/2.1.14;

not later than the first survey of the radio installation after 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008

3) ships built before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008 and certified for operation in sea areas A1, A2, A3 and A4 as defined in Regulations IV/2.1.12, IV/2.1.13, IV/2.1.14 and IV/2.1.15 not later than the first survey of the radio installation after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009. However, these ships shall comply with the provisions of paragraph 2) above whilst they operate with sea areas A1, A2 and A3.

Ships irrespective of the date of construction fitted with an automatic identification system (AIS), as defined in Regulation 19.2.4 and operated exclusively within sea area A1, as defined in Regulation IV/2.1.12 shall not be requested to comply with the provision of Regulation 19.1

\* The gross tonnage to be used for determining whether a cargo ship or high-speed craft is required to comply with the provision of Regulation 19.1 shall be determined under the provisions of the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969 irrespective of the date on which the ship or high-speed craft has been or is being built.

\*\* Refer to the Performance standards and functional requirements for the long-range identification and tracking of ships, adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee of the Organization by Resolution MSC.210(81).