



# ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

## MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

### CIRCULAR N° SOL 057

#### Fireman's Outfits – SOLAS amendments

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

**APPLICABLE TO: OIL AND CHEMICAL TANKERS AND SHIPS WITH  
INSTALLED PROCESS PLANT**

**EFFECTIVE AS FROM:** Date of this Circular

21<sup>st</sup> January 2014

Ships constructed on or after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014, should carry on board a minimum of **two two-way portable radiotelephone apparatus** for each fire party for fire-fighter's communication. These two-way portable radiotelephone apparatus should be of an explosion-proof type or intrinsically safe and they should be ready for immediate use.

Ships constructed before 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014 should comply with the requirements of this paragraph not later than the first survey after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018.

The two ways radiotelephone apparatus referred to the above are additional to those required by SOLAS Chapter III Regulations 6.2.1 and 6.4.

Regular monthly inspections of the two way radiotelephone apparatus including state of battery should be included in the routine inspections of fireman's outfits.

SOLAS Chapter II-2 Regulation 15.2.2.6 stipulates that an onboard means of recharging breathing apparatus cylinders used during drills should be provided or a suitable number of **spare cylinders** should be carried on board to replace those used.

This amendment comes into force on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014 and is intended to ensure that ships have spare filled air cylinders for use during drills without depleting the availability of cylinders for emergency use.

The Regulation allows for ships to be fitted with either a means of re-charging used cylinders, or provided with spare cylinders in addition to those required by SOLAS Chapter II-2 Regulation 10.10.2.5.

If the option to have spare air cylinders on board is followed, there should be a minimum of one (1) spare cylinder for use during drills for each fire-fighting team.

The illustration of the requirement is shown in the table below:

<b>Means of recharging</b>	<b>Number of spare cylinders for use during drills</b>
Means of recharging breathing apparatus cylinders are not provided on board	One (1) spare cylinder for each fire-fighting team
Means of recharging breathing apparatus cylinders are provided on board	None

Shipowners, Ships' Operators, Managers and Masters are requested to ensure compliance with the above requirements.