



# ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

## MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

### CIRCULAR N° ISM 008

#### Change of Flag and ISM and ISPS Codes Certification

**TO: SHIPOWNERS, SHIPS' OPERATORS & MANAGERS  
SURVEYORS TO FLAG STATE ADMINISTRATION  
RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS AND RECOGNIZED SECURITY  
ORGANIZATIONS**

**APPLICABLE TO:** All ships to which ISM Code applies  
**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** DATE OF CIRCULAR

Monaco, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

It has been noted that during the change of flag to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, some Recognized Organizations (ROs) and Recognized Security Organizations (RSOs) acting on behalf of St Vincent and The Grenadines Maritime Administration only carry out an additional ISM/ISPS verification and issue a Short Term SMC.

Furthermore these ROs and RSOs recommend that this Administration issue a Full Term SMC/ISSC with the same validity date mentioned on the Certificates issued by the loosing Administration.

Please note that according to ISM Code Clause 14.2.3 and ISPS Code, Part A, paragraph 19.4.1.3, when a change of flag to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Maritime Administration occurs, ROs and RSOs acting on its behalf have to carry out:

- a) An Interim SMC audit on board and issue an Interim SMC valid six (6) months
- b) An Initial SMC audit on board and issue a Short Term SMC valid six (6) months
- c) An Interim ISPS audit on board and issue an Interim ISSC valid six (6) months
- d) An Initial ISPS audit on board and issue a Short Term ISSC valid six (6) months

Upon receipt of the above Initial Audit Reports and Short Term Certificates, St Vincent and the Grenadines Maritime Administration will issue a Full Term SMC and ISSC valid five years.

The above does not apply to Companies which have vessel(s) already flying St Vincent and the Grenadines' Flag. In such a case Companies/RO/RSO may seek further instructions from this Administration.