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TO: Related departments of CCS Headquarters; Branches and Offices; and Ship Companies

Notice of Implementation of St.Vincent and The Grenadines Circular

N° ISM 008-Rev.1

- Change of Flag and ISM and ISPS Codes Certification

St. Vincent and the Grenadines Maritime Administration issued the Circular N° ISM 008-Rev.1 on March 29, 2011 to ship-owners, ship's operators and managers, surveyors to flag state administration, recognized organization (ROs) and recognized security organization (RSOs). The circular is to set the requirements to ROs and RSOs regarding the change of Flag and ISM/ISPS certification. The new requirements will enter into force at the date of the circular was issued, i.e. March 29, 2011.

It has been noted that during the change of flag to St. 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.

The detailed requirements are set as follows:

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 five (5) 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 five (5) 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 requirements 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.

SUMMARY

Forwarding the notice of implementation of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Circular N° ISM 008-Rev.1, in which set out the requirements regarding the change of Flag and ISM/ISPS certification.

ACTION REQUESTED

All the CCS branches and offices are required to organize the study of this circular. Auditors should be fully in compliance with the requirements of this circular during the audit for the vessels that changed to St. Vincent and the Grenadines' flag.

Attachment: 1. Circular N° ISM 008-Rev.1, total 1 page

For any problem please contact the Certification Management Dept. of CCS Headquarters without hesitation
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ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

CIRCULAR N° ISM 008 – Rev. 1

Change of Flag and ISM and ISPS Codes Certification

**TO: SHIPOWNERS, SHIPS' OPERATORS AND 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, 29th March 2011.

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