ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES
MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

CIRCULAR N°SOL 017

(GMDSS) RADIO LOG BOOKS

TO: SHIPOWNERS & SHIPS’ OPERATORS & MANAGERS
SURVEYORS TO FLAG STATE ADMINISTRATION
CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES

APPLICABLE TO: ALL SHIPS TO WHICH SOLAS 74 AS AMENDED APPLY
ENTRY INTO FORCE: ISSUING DATE OF THIS CIRCULAR

Monaco, 16th June, 2007.

1. SOLAS Ch. IV, Regulation 17 – Radio records states:

“A record shall be kept, to the satisfaction of the Administration and as required by the Radio Regulations, of all incidents connected with the radio communication service which appear to be of importance to safety of life at sea.”

2. This Administration requires (but not limited to) GMDSS Log Book Entries as follows: records of communications relating to distress, urgency and safety traffic, records of important incidents connected with the radio service, regular positions of the ship, and results of tests carried out on the radio equipment. Test entries: daily entries as per STCW A & B-VIII, weekly entries as per STCW A & B-VIII, monthly entries as per STCW A & B –VIII. The receptions of weather forecasts or navigational warnings on NAVTEX do not need to be noted in the GMDSS Radio Log Book. The NAVTEX receiver print-out may replace the log entries required by Chapter IV of the 1974 SOLAS Convention (IMO Res. A.617 (15))

3. Retention time of GMDSS Log Book on board St Vincent and The Grenadines ships is three (3) years.

4. (GMDSS) Radio Log Books on board St Vincent and The Grenadines do not need to be endorsed by the Administration, therefore the Radio Log Books which are found on board may be generic.