



ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

CIRCULAR N° FSI 002 - Rev. 1

FLAG STATE INSPECTIONS

TO: RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS (RO), FLAG STATE INSPECTORS, SHIP OWNERS, SHIPS' OPERATORS AND MANAGERS, AND MASTERS

APPLICABLE TO: ALL SHIPS

EFFECTIVE AS FROM: Date of this Circular

8th May 2015

All vessels flying St Vincent and The Grenadines' Flag should usually and as far as possible be inspected once a year by a surveyor ("the Surveyor") accredited by the Flag State Administration. This Administration is entitled to advise that the Flag State Inspection is not required.

- 1.1 The ship's operators should liaise with St Vincent and The Grenadines Maritime Administration ("the Administration") to inform about the vessel's schedule for the Annual Flag State Inspection. This Administration may postpone or anticipate the vessel's inspection depending on the vessel's schedule and the availability of the Surveyor;
- 1.2 Upon the vessel's inspection, the surveyor will hand over to the Master a copy of the Flag State Inspection Report;
- 1.3 The Master is requested to sign the surveyor's copy. When deficiencies are reported:

a) Minor deficiencies

The Surveyor will ask the Master to correct the deficiencies prior to departure or within an agreed time schedule.

b) Deficiencies which would not justify vessel's detention by Port State Control or endanger the vessel, its crew and the environment

The Master will be asked to rectify the deficiencies and to confirm to the Surveyor, prior to departure, when all deficiencies have been rectified. The Surveyor may board the vessel again before departure to check the correction of the deficiencies if he thinks it is necessary.

c) Serious deficiencies which may lead to the vessel's detention by Port State Control or endanger the vessel, its crew and environment

The Surveyor will ask the Classification Society's surveyor to carry out a survey limited to the identified deficiencies. An expanded examination of the vessel relevant to hull, machinery of statutory surveys may be requested if deemed necessary. The vessel's Class and Statutory Certificates may be withdrawn and cancelled. The Classification

Society will have to perform a survey before the re-issue and/or endorsement of the Class and Statutory Certificates. The Surveyor and the Classification Society should be informed by the Master of the correction of the deficiencies after the survey has been performed.

If the Classification surveyor is not available at the port of inspection, the Flag State surveyor may authorize the vessel's departure (after correction of the major deficiencies) to next port where a survey by the Classification Society's surveyor will have to be performed.

If the Master does not comply with the above, the vessel's St Vincent and The Grenadines nationality may be suspended and a penalty assigned to the Owners and/or the Master.