

Subject

Guidelines related to the Paris Memorandum of Understanding (Paris MOU) for St. Vincent and the Grenadines flag vessels

# **ClassNK**

## ***Technical Information***

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To whom it may concern

ClassNK would like to notify that the Administration of St. Vincent and the Grenadines has issued Circular No.PSC033-Rev.4 (hereinafter, "the Circular") regarding guidelines related to the Paris Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter, "Paris MOU") as per attached.

As per the Circular, following vessels have been required to undergo an occasional survey in order to improve the performance of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Registry within the Paris MOU:

- detained 1 time or more during the past 3 years whose next port of call is a port of country members to the Paris MOU; or
- operating outside the Paris MOU member country more than 12 months whose next port of call is a port of country members to the Paris MOU.

In addition, it may also be enforced to vessels which are not applicable to the above in accordance with the decision of the Administration.

In case the vessel departs to a port located within a member country of the Paris MOU, please arrange an occasional survey (keeping the Administration in copy (e-mail:technical@svg-marad.com)) according to the said guidelines prior to entry into Paris MOU port/anchorage. For details of the survey items for this occasional survey, please contact ClassNK service sites which will carry out the survey.

The previous ClassNK Technical Information No.TEC-1010 is herewith superseded.

For any questions about the above, please contact:

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1. Circular No.PSC033-Rev.4

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## ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

### MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

#### CIRCULAR N° PSC 033 – Rev. 4

### **SURVEYS OF ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES' VESSELS**

#### **Guidelines related to the Paris Memorandum of Understanding (Paris MOU)**

**TO:** **SHIPOWNERS, SHIPS' OPERATORS AND MANAGERS, MASTERS, OFFICERS FLAG STATE'S INSPECTORS AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS**

**APPLICABLE TO:** **ALL VESSELS SUBJECT TO PORT STATE CONTROL INSPECTIONS, WHICH HAVE**

- a. **BEEN DETAINED BY PSC DURING THE LAST THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE YEARS, IRRESPECTIVE OF THE PSC MoU, PLACE OR FLAG UNDER WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN DETAINED AND WHOSE NEXT PORT OF CALL IS WITHIN A PARIS MoU MEMBER COUNTRY;**
- b. **BEEN OPERATING OUTSIDE A PARIS MoU MEMBER COUNTRY FOR MORE THAN TWELVE (12) MONTHS AND INTEND TO ENTER A PARIS MoU MEMBER COUNTRY**

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

31<sup>st</sup> May 2017

Further to Circular 032 and in order to continuously improve the Flag's performance within the Paris Memorandum of Understanding (Paris MoU), this Administration has implemented the following technical and administrative measures:

#### **OCCASIONAL SURVEYS:**

An occasional survey by a Recognized Organization of all vessels subject to this Circular will be required. The occasional survey will be performed by the Recognized Organization that issued the statutory certificates; if the vessel is holding statutory certificates issued by two Recognized Organizations, the occasional survey should be carried out by the Recognized Organization that issued the SOLAS Certificates (except ISM & ISPS).

The survey should cover all national and international regulations applicable to the vessel. The scope of the survey should be equivalent to Mandatory Annual Statutory Surveys. The attending surveyor should inform this Administration when, according to his professional judgement, deficiencies relating to the safety management system, working and living conditions of the seafarers or their security are found.

This survey will be valid six (6) months and may be scheduled to coincide with the annual, intermediate, or renewal surveys, however, it may not be postponed to coincide with the aforementioned surveys. Should said vessel continue trading within Paris MoU ports over the 6 months window of validity, a new occasional survey should be carried out.

Operators and owners must request the occasional surveys ahead of the 6 month expiry date.

It is the responsibility of the Recognized Organization which certifies the vessel to notify the operators and owners of the need to conduct such a survey under the conditions established by this Guideline.

Furthermore, the Recognized Organization must immediately notify this Administration, when a vessel subject to PSC inspections has not been surveyed within the last six (6) months and has failed to carry out the occasional survey according to this Circular. This Administration will then immediately investigate the matter and revert with instructions.

A mandatory Occasional Survey may be imposed outside of the six (6) months period for vessels with high records of non compliance with international regulations.

The owners of vessels which have been operating outside a Paris MoU member country for more than twelve (12) months and intend to enter a Paris MoU member country are required to liaise with the Recognized Organizations (keeping this Administration in copy) to ensure that the surveys/audits are carried out prior entry into Paris MoU port/anchorage.

#### **ADDITIONAL ISM AND/OR ISPS CODE AUDIT:**

Any increase in the number of ISM and/or ISPS related deficiencies found during the occasional survey would result in an additional ISM and/or ISPS Audit within the scope of an initial ISM and/or ISPS audit prior to the vessel's entry into a Paris MoU member port.

The Recognised Organisations will issue Statements (annexed to this Circular) and forward them, along with the Survey Reports to this Administration immediately after the surveys/audits: [technical@svg-marad.com](mailto:technical@svg-marad.com) and [qualtech@svg-marad.com](mailto:qualtech@svg-marad.com)

#### **NON COMPLIANCE:**

Vessels detained twice by a Maritime Authority member of the Paris MOU within a six (6) months period will be deleted from this Registry.

Vessels which are not in compliance with this Circular are subject to fines and may be deleted.

This Administration reserves the right to enforce the present Circular, without any further notice, to vessels which were not detained by Port State Control during the last three (3) consecutive years.

# STATEMENT

Name of ship:  
Management Company:  
Register No.:  
IMO No.:  
Flag: St Vincent and the Grenadines  
Gross tonnage:  
Year built:  
Classification Society:

At the request of ....., the undersigned, auditor to (*Name of the RO or RSO*), .....declares that the vessel described above has been submitted on .....at ..... to an additional audit related to the ISM Code / ISPS Code (to be deleted as appropriate) as requested by St Vincent and The Grenadines' Maritime Administration Circular PSC 033 Rev. 4.

Deficiencies found during the audit(s), if any, have been dealt with in agreement with St Vincent and The Grenadines' Maritime Administration.

Completion date of the audit on which this Statement is based: .....

This statement is valid until\*:

Issued at .....

On .....

The Auditor

(Name / Signature / RO-RSO stamp)

.....

\* *Not more than six (6) months after completion of the audit.*

## **ANNEX**

List of deficiencies found during the survey:

Additional remarks:

## STATEMENT

Name of ship :  
Owner :  
Register No. :  
Imo No. :  
Flag : St Vincent and the Grenadines  
Gross tonnage :  
Year built :

At the request of ....., the undersigned, Surveyor to (*name of the Recognized Organization*)....., declares that the vessel has been submitted on ..... at ..... to an occasional survey as requested by St Vincent and The Grenadines' Maritime Administration Circular PSC 033 Rev. 4

The deficiencies found during the survey, if any, have been dealt with in agreement with St Vincent and The Grenadines Maritime Administration.

Completion date of the survey on which this Statement is based: .....

This Statement is valid until\*: .....

Issued at: .....

On: .....

Surveyor

*\* Not more than six (6) months after completion of the survey*

## **ANNEX**

List of deficiencies found during the survey:

Additional remarks: