



# ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

## MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

### CIRCULAR N°ISPS 003

#### SHIP SECURITY ALERT SYSTEM Contract with Providers Rev. 1

**TO: SHIPOWNERS & SHIPS' OPERATORS & MANAGERS  
SURVEYORS TO FLAG STATE ADMINISTRATION  
CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES  
RECOGNISED SECURITY ORGANISATIONS**

**APPLICABLE TO:** ALL SHIPS EQUIPPED WITH A SHIP SECURITY ALERT  
SYSTEM ROUTED VIA A SERVICE PROVIDER

**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** ISSUING DATE OF THE PRESENT CIRCULAR

Monaco, 01 Nov. 06.

Ship Security Alert System is programmed to send a message to the CSO responsible for the vessel and to this Administration ([security@svg-marad.com](mailto:security@svg-marad.com)).

**When** the transmission of the Ship Security Alert is routed via an intermediary service provider, the Shipowner or the vessel must be covered by a service contract granting the service/transmission of ship's security alerts. The Provider should not stop his services without informing all interested parties. It is however not the case as there is no relationship between the providers and the Administration.

The aim of the present Circular is to ensure that the SSAS is always active **when** the system goes through a Provider and to verify that the contract between the Provider and the Company is valid and in force.

**RECOGNISED SECURITY ORGANIZATIONS** are requested to check, during the Initial, Intermediate and Renewal Audit of the ISSC, that the contract between the Provider and the Company is valid and in force. **The evidence of the verification should be reported in the Audit Report.** It should also be reported when the system does not require a Provider.

**SURVEYORS TO FLAG STATE ADMINISTRATION** are requested to check, during the Annual Flag State Inspection, that the contract between the Provider and the Company is valid and in force. **The evidence of the verification should be reported in the Annual Flag State Inspection Report.** It should also be reported when the system does not require a Provider.

In case the contract is not valid or not into force, the Administration should be immediately advised to:

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