

Subject

Guidelines related to the Paris Memorandum of Understanding (Paris MOU) for St. Vincent and the Grenadines flag ship detained 1 time or more during the past 3 years

# **ClassNK**

## ***Technical Information***

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To whom it may concern

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

As per the Circular, all vessels, which were detained 1 time or more during the past 3 years and whose next port of call is within a Paris MOU member country, are required to undergo an occasional survey in order to improve the performance of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Registry within the Paris MOU.

In case the vessel departs to a port located within a Paris MOU member country, please arrange an occasional survey according to the said guidelines. For details of the survey items for this occasional survey, please contact ClassNK service sites which will carry out the survey.

For any questions about the above, please contact:

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1. Circular No.PSC033

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ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES  
MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

CIRCULAR N° PSC 033

**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.  
**This Circular does not apply to vessels which have not been detained by PSC for three (3) consecutive years.**

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

25<sup>th</sup> August 2014

Further to Circular 032 and in order to continuously improve the St. Vincent and The Grenadines Flag's performance within the Paris Memorandum of Understanding (Paris MOU), this Administration will implement technical and administrative measures.

An occasional survey by a Recognized Organization of all vessels whose next port of call is within a Paris MOU member country 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 a different Recognized Organization, the occasional survey should be carried out by the Recognized Organization that issued the SOLAS 74 as amended (except ISM & ISPS) and ILLC 66 Certificates.

The inspection should cover all conditions related to security, pollution prevention, maritime safety and compliance with all national and international regulations applicable to the vessel, equivalent to Mandatory Annual Surveys. Any deficiencies found at the time of the occasional survey should be rectified as soon as possible. The Recognized Organization that carries out the inspection guarantees that the vessel is in compliance with the national or international standards applicable in its entirety.

This occasional inspection will have a validity of six (6) months and can be scheduled to coincide with the annual, intermediate, or renewal survey, but it may not be postponed for these same reasons. This means that, if the vessel is still trading in ports within the Paris MoU, and the occasional survey has been carried out for more than six (6) months, a new occasional survey should be carried out.

Operators and owners will be under the obligation to request occasional surveys ahead of time to the Recognized Organization. It is the obligation of the Recognized Organization, which certifies the vessel, to notify the operators and owners the need to conduct such survey under the conditions established by this Guideline.

**A mandatory** Occasional Inspection of a vessel with a high record of non compliance with the international regulations may be imposed by this Administration outside the six (6) month period.

If an increased number of ISM related deficiencies is found during the occasional survey, this Administration will request an additional ISM Audit in the scope of an initial ISM prior to the vessel's departure to a port located within a country member of the Paris MoU.

After completion of the audit the Recognized Organization will issue a Statement and will forward it to this Administration, prior to the vessel's departure to a port located within a country member of the Paris MoU.

Vessels subject to a survey which do not carry out the mandatory occasional inspection or which are detained twice by a Maritime Authority member of the Paris MOU within a six (6) months period will be deleted from this Registry.

Upon completion of the survey, the Recognized Organization will issue a Statement and will forward it to this Administration, prior to the vessel's departure to a port located within a Paris MoU member country.

The Statement together with the Survey Report should be directly submitted to [technical@svg-marad.com](mailto:technical@svg-marad.com) and [qualtech@svg-marad.com](mailto:qualtech@svg-marad.com)

