

## Flag State Information

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Country	Summary of the reply
Japan	In case where the date of the completion of SE inspection is on or after 1 January 2015, VDR shall conform to MSC.333(90).
Panama	IACS UI SC261 is acceptable.
Marshall Islands	IACS UI SC261 is acceptable.
Bahamas	IACS UI SC261 is acceptable.
Singapore	IACS UI SC261 is acceptable. This will be canceled if the IMO subsequently adopts a different unified interpretation to IACS UI SC261.
Hong Kong	The actual installation date of the VDR is the date when the VDR equipment is actually installed on board.
Malta	The installation date should be taken to mean the date when the equipment is placed onboard/delivered to the ship.
Switzerland	IACS UI SC261 is acceptable.
Vanuatu	The use of the word “installed” means that the actual equipment is in place and operational. Not merely onboard or scheduled for delivery.
Portugal	IACS UI SC261 is acceptable.
Liberia	IACS UI SC261 is acceptable.
Brazil	IACS UI SC261 is acceptable.
Philippine	Philippine Authority interprets “installed” as when the VDRs are loaded onboard, wired to be operable, demonstrated/tested and found to be in operational condition.
Red Ensign Group (*)	VDR “installed” is to mean “set in position, connected to relevant peripheral equipment, and ready for use and evidence of proper operation is verifiable by the Flag/RO or its representative”.
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	IACS UI SC261 is acceptable.

(\*) Red Ensign Group : the United Kingdom, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Gibraltar, and the Isle of Man