Subject:

Halon Fire Extinguishing Systems onboard St. Vincent and the Grenadines flag vessels



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To: Shipowners and shipbuilders concerned

Dear Madams / Sirs:

Please note that we have been advised by the government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines with regard to phasing out of Haron fire extinguisher as follows:

- 1. Existing portable Halon fire-extinguishers are to be replaced by CO₂ or other suitable Fire-extinguishers by 1 January 2002.
- 2. Existing fixed Halon system is to be phased out by 1 January 2002, or earlier if a major refit is undertaken and a fixed fire-extinguishing system complying with MSC/Circ.668 "alternative arrangements for Halon fire-extinguishing systems in machinery spaces and pumprooms" is to be fitted.
- 3. Halons will not be accepted as fire-extinguishing media on board any ship applying for registration under the St. Vincent flag even if it is before 1 January 2002.

If you have any questions, please contact the Material and Equipment Department

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