



ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

COUNTRY REPORT

Hemispheric Conference on Rapid and Widespread Ratification and
Effective Implementation of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006
(MLC, 2006)

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SVG SHIPS & SEAFARERS

■ SHIPS

CATEGORY	NO	TONNAGE
On Int'l Voyages	2,632	5,213,400
Not on Int'l Voyages	36	8,780

SVG SHIPS & SEAFARERS

■ SEAFARERS (Engagement)

ENGAGEMENT	NO
Seafarers on SVG International Ships	17,540
Seafarers on SVG Non-international Ships	250
SVG Seafarers on Foreign Ships	3,200

SVG SHIPS & SEAFARERS

■ SEAFARERS (STCW national certificates)

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SVG SHIPS & SEAFARERS

■ SEAFARERS Certification

To Nationals (Basic safety training) **805**

Navigation Endorsements	4,661
II/1	719
II/2	3,184
II/3	757
Engineering Endorsements	4,006
III/1	1,075
III/2	1,037
III/3	1,893
TOTAL	8,667

THE ADMINISTRATIVE FRAMEWORK

■ The Department of Maritime Administration

- The Administration is established “to exercise general supervision over all matters to which the Act relates”. (Shipping Act Section 393 (1).
- The Administration shall comprise (Sec 393(2):
 - The Director of Maritime Administration
 - The Registrar of Ships
 - The Registrar of Seafarers
 - The Commissioner for Maritime Affairs
 - A Surveyor

THE ADMINISTRATIVE FRAMEWORK

- Enforcement/Compliance (Shipping Act S 159, 356)
 - Recognized Organizations (14);
 - Surveyors (over 50);
 - Port state control inspectors
 - Inspectors/investigators (by appointment of the Director);

MARITIME & LABOUR CONVENTIONS

- ILO Conventions
 - SVG has ratified 21 ILO conventions.
 - 18 are in force. (C5, C7 and C10) are denounced.
 - 14 apply generally and specifically to the maritime industry (C16, C19, C26, C29, C81, C87, C95, C98, C100, C105, C108, C138, C180, C182)

MARITIME & LABOUR CONVENTIONS

■ IMO Conventions

■ SOLAS 1974, as ammended

- Ratified 28/10/1983
- Implementing law Shipping Act No 11

■ STCW 1978, as amended

- Ratified 28/06/1995
- Implementing law Shipping Act No 11

PROGRESS & GAPS

■ Progress

– General

- The Maritime Administration has commended review of the MLC 2006 and has already recommended its ratification.

– Legal Framework

- The Shipping Act makes allowing for the implementation of all MLC Regulations (Title 1, Title 2, Title 3, Title 4, and Title 5).

PROGRESS & GAPS

■ Progress

– Regulatory Framework (subsidiary/delegated laws) for maritime labour includes:

- provision and water;
- crew accommodation;
- medical stores;
- official log books;
- standards of training and certification of seafarers;
- and,
- hours of work.

PROGRESS & GAPS

■ Progress

– New Model Regulations being adapted include:

- seafarer's identity;
- wages;
- medical examination;
- crew accommodation;
- medical stores;
- musters, training and decision support systems;
- provisions and water;
- repatriation; and,
- food and catering (ships cooks).

PROGRESS & GAPS

■ Gaps

– Admin Structure Enforcement/Compliance

- The Maritime Administration does not have the staff required by the Shipping Act. It therefore lacks the capacity to fully and completely discharge the obligations of SVG arising from the MLC 2006 and from other Maritime safety and environmental protection conventions to which SVG is party.
- A change in the structure/status of the Maritime Administration from a department within the public service to an Authority (statutory corporation) is recommended being pursued to better facilitate the recruitment and retention of qualified staff.

PROGRESS & GAPS

■ Gaps

– The IMO Model (Shipping) Regulations need to be adopted to include:

- licensing of seafarer recruitment agencies
- Career and skill development and opportunities for seafarers' employment;
- survey and inspection of ships for the compliance with MLC 2006 technical standards;
- issuance of declaration of maritime labour compliance; and,
- issuance of maritime labour certificate.

PROGRESS & GAPS

■ Gaps

– Consultation

- There is no seafarers organization or shipowners organization in SVG and the SVG Shipping Association is defunct.

– Training

- There are no surveyors or inspectors trained to conduct training or carry out labour inspections required by the MLC 2006.

– Legal drafting capacity

- There are limited legal drafters in the office of the Attorney General.

THANK YOU

ANY QUESTIONS OR
CONCERNS?