



**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
**NO. 03-06-2016**

**SUBJECT: Amendment to Memorandum Circular No. 4-09-88, "PRESCRIBED EQUIPMENT FOR SHIP STATIONS OF VARIOUS VESSELS PLYING DOMESTIC ROUTES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS" and PRESCRIBING THE REQUIRED RADIO OPERATORS THEREOF**

Pursuant to Act 3396, as amended, Executive Order No. 546 issued on July 23, 1979, relevant ITU Radio Regulations, 1974 International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), as amended and Republic Act No. 10635 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, and to ensure that certain vessels as categorized herein are provided with the necessary radio apparatus and the required radio operator that will enhance safety of life and property at sea, the Commission deemed it necessary to amend NTC MC# 4-09-88, to read as follows:

1. All ships/vessels registered with the Philippine Government plying domestic routes shall not attempt or leave any Philippine port without the prescribed radio installation on board and the required radio operator, as follows:

| Classes and Categories of Ships  | Required Radio Equipment   | Required Radio Operator   | Remarks   |
|----------------------------------|--|---|---|
| <b>A. Passenger Ships</b>        |  |   |   |
| 1. Bay, River, Harbor and Lakes  | VHF radio installation   | Holder of at least Third Class Radiotelephone Operator Certificate (3PHN) or Special Radio Operator Permit (SROP) | 1. The radio operator qualification requirement for these stations shall remain in force within five (5) years from effectivity of this Circular and shall terminate if and when the onboard radio equipment are upgraded to GMDSS. |
| 2. Engaged on a coastwise voyage | VHF, MF/HF SSB radio installation (20-100 Watts Power Output )<br>GPS (150 GT and above)<br>AIS (300 GT and above) | Holder of at least Second Class Radiotelephone Operator Certificate (2PHN)  |   |
| <b>B. Cargo Ships</b>            |  |   |   |
| 1. Bay, River, Harbor and Lakes  | VHF radio installation   | Holder of at least Third Class Radiotelephone Operator Certificate (3PHN) or Special Radio Operator Permit (SROP) |   |
| 2. Engaged on a coastwise voyage | VHF, MF/HF SSB radio installation (20-100 Watts Power Output)<br>GPS (150 GT and above)<br>AIS (500 GT and above)  | Holder of at least Second Class Radiotelephone Operator Certificate (2PHN)  |   |