

PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES FOR THE SPECIAL REGISTRATION OF UNREGISTERED RADIO TRANSCEIVERS ON BOARD COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSELS OF 3.1 GROSS TONNAGE AND ABOVE

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WHEREAS, the NTC, under Executive Order No. 546, series of 1979, is empowered among others, to grant permits and licenses for the use of radio frequencies and radio communications systems;

WHEREAS, in line with the purpose and objectives of Fisheries Administrative Order No. 223 Series of 2003, the Commission supports their program regarding the moratorium in the issuance of new commercial fishing vessel and gear license (CFGVL) as part of the precautionary approach to fisheries management;

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) has entered into agreement with the Philippine Coast Guard (PSG), Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), and the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) to create a joint Mobile and Registration Licensing Team (MRLT) to facilitate the conduct of the national inventory of commercial fishing vessels preparatory to the one-year moratorium on the issuance of new commercial fishing vessel and gear license (CFVGL);

WHEREAS, recognizing the need to strengthen the coordination in the discharge of functions, the commission commits to support the joint undertakings of all the Parties;

WHEREFORE, in view of these premises, it is hereby directed that all vessel owners shall be allowed to register their radio transceivers/transmitters in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. The registration shall be conducted by the NTC Regional Offices from January 22, 2004 to January 22, 2005 which shall be held at the MARINA Regional Offices.
2. Registration shall apply to radio equipment on board vessels with 3.1 gross tonnage and above.
3. The registration of radio equipment during the period shall not be construed as an authority to construct and/or operate without the necessary permits/licenses issued thereof.
4. Registered radio transceivers/transmitters shall still be subject to the licensing requirements of the NTC in accordance with the existing rules and regulations.
5. Only type-approved equipment shall be issued corresponding permits and licenses.
6. Registration Fee (Per Unit)
 - a. HF/SSB - P5,000.00
 - b. VHF/UHF Base/Mobile
 - Low Power (Below 25 Watts) - P2,000.00
 - Medium Power (25 W to 100 W) - P3,000.00

High Power (Above 100 W) - P5,000.00

c. VHF/UHF Portable -

P1,500.00

The Commission reserves the right to reject the registration of any transceiver/transmitter when it deems necessary in the interest of the public.

All radio transceiver/transmitter registered under this Circular shall be considered the accountability of the registrant. Any violations pertaining to the use of such registered equipment including its use by persons other than the registrant shall be a ground for appropriate administrative sanctions and/or fines and penalties as may be imposed by the Commission.

This Circular takes effect immediately after approval and may be revised, revoked or amended, as the Commission deems necessary for public interest.

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