MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 03-01-95

SUBJECT: SALE, IMPORTATION AND USE OF AMATEUR RADIO EQUIPMENT.

Pursuant to the provision of Act 3846, as amended, Executive Order 546, and in view of the indiscriminate use by some persons of amateur equipment for services other than the amateur service or outside their frequency bands, the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) hereby issue the following guidelines and procedures:

I. Definition of Terms:

1. Amateur Radio Equipment
   a radio communications equipment
   Intended for the use in the amateur service
   for the purpose of self-training, intercommunication and technical experimentation’s carried out by legitimate amateurs.

2. Expandable Amateur
   a radio communications equipment whose operating frequency channel/range can be programmed, tuned or modified from its original frequency range specifications.

3. Non-Expandable Radio
   a radio communications equipment
   whose operating frequency/channel range cannot be programmed, tuned or modified from its original frequency range specifications.

II. Guidelines:

1. The sale, importation and use of amateur radio equipment shall be limited to non-expandable amateur radio equipment within the amateur services only.

2. The operation of amateur radio equipment shall be authorized only within the amateur radio frequency channel/bands. (See attached excerpt from the provisions of section III.1 of Ministry Circular Number 87-174 as Annex A)

3. The sale, importation and use of expandable amateur radio equipment or those that could be expanded outside the non-amateur band shall not be allowed.

4. The Equipment Standards Division of the Commission shall type accept amateur equipment to be authorized and shall maintain a list of all type accepted amateur
equipment for the guidance of the dealers, general public and the licensing units of the Commission.

5. All previously authorized amateur equipment operated outside of the amateur service band may be allowed for renewal but only up to December 31, 1997 after which all such amateur equipment in non-amateur bands shall be replaced with type-approved accepted models.

Sanctions:

Any violation of or non-compliance with this Circular by any person, user, dealer, or manufacturer may be subject to the imposition of a fine or the cancellation, revocation or suspension of its permits/license and/or administrative charges in accordance with the provision of Act 3846, as amended or such other relevant laws.

This circular shall take effect immediately and any order, circular, instruction or memorandum or part thereof which is inconsistent herewith is deemed amended and/or superseded accordingly.

Quezon City, Philippines 16th January 1995

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Commissioner