SUBJECT : Addendum to Memorandum Circular No. 17-12-2002 Re: Rules and Regulations governing Radio Training Centers (RTC) offering short-term GMDSS radio communications courses.

Pursuant to Act 3846, as amended, E.O. No. 546, Chapter NIX Article 55 of the Radio Regulations of International Telecommunications Union (ITU), and Regulations 1/6 and 1/8 of the 1978 STCW Convention, as amended, the Memorandum Circular No. 17-12-2002 dated December 20, 2002 is hereby amended to include a new provision, item "d" of Section VI, 6.1, as follows:

"d", If applicant is not a deck/radio officer or ECE, he/she may be allowed to attend the training, provided, it shall only be issued a "Certificate of Attendance" upon completion of the course. The Certificate of Attendance shall not be considered as a basis for qualifying in the GOC or ROC examination.

All other provisions of Memorandum Circular No. 17-12-2002 remains in force.

Feb. 12, 2003, Quezon City, Philippines

ARMI JANE R. BORJE Commissioner