

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 07-11-2008

SUBJECT: Amending and/or modifying Memorandum Circular No. 04-06-2008 enjoining radio & television (TV) Stations, cable television (CATV) facilities compliance with Department Order No. 5 series of 1948 and Department Order No. 88 series of 1973 for the purpose of clarifying Certain policy issues with respect to the employment of licensed radio operators/technicians)

Whereas, the National Telecommunications Commissions (NTC) is vested with the authority and jurisdiction to formulate and implement policies, plans, programs, rules and regulations in the establishment, maintenance and operation of radio and TV broadcast facilities, systems and services and CATV facilities throughout the country;

Whereas, under Department Order No. 5, S. 1948 on the Rules and Regulations Governing Commercial Radio Operators, the actual operation of any radio, TV and/or CATV station for which a station license is required shall be carried out only by a license radio operator /technician;

Whereas, Department Order No. 88, S. 1973 and implemented under Memorandum Circular No. 37, requires the services of a duly Registered Electronics and Communications Engineer (ECE) in the operation and maintenance of radio stations;

Whereas, the NTC takes cognizance of the fact that a number of radio and TV broadcasting stations and CATV operators are not employing licensed radio operators/technicians and ECE's;

WHEREAS, the NTC recognizes the need to amend and/or modify Memorandum Circular No. 04-06-2008 in order to clarify certain policy issues with respect to the employment of licensed radio operators/technicians;

WHEREFORE, pursuant to the powers vested in the NTC and for the reference and guidance of all concerned, it is by hereby ORDERED that all radio and TV broadcasting stations and CATV operators must comply

with the provisions of Department ORDER No. 5, series of 1948, by employing a licensed radio operator/technician at all times during and while in operation. Further, the operation of all radio and broadcast stations and CATV operators must be under the supervision of a Professional Electronics and Communications Engineer (PECE) or Registered Electronics & Communications Engineer (ECE) pursuant to the provisions of Department Order No.88 series of 1973

Any Circular, Memorandum or Order previously issued or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are deemed amended, revised or repealed accordingly.

This Circular shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper of general circulation and three (3) copies hereof deposited with the University of the Philippines (U. P.) Law Center.

Quezon City, Philippines, 04 November 2008

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