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**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

No. 02-02-2017

SUBJECT: IMO MSC.1/Circ.1460/Rev.1 - GUIDANCE ON THE VALIDITY OF  
RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT INSTALLED AND USED ON  
SHIPS

The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC), at its ninety-second session (12 to 21 June 2013), taking into account the recommendation of the Sub-Committee on Radiocommunications and Search and Rescue at its seventeenth session (21 to 25 January 2013), having recognized concerns that incompatibility may exist between radiocommunication equipment installed on ships, and the revised frequencies and channeling arrangements for the maritime HF and VHF bands as contained in appendices 17 and 18 to the Radio Regulations (RR) – Edition 2012, approved the Guidance on the validity of radiocommunications equipment installed and used on ships (MSC.1/Circ.1460).

The National Telecommunications Commission (NTC), in connection with the above, issued Memorandum Circular No. 08-08-2016 on 04 August 2016 adopting and implementing Annex 2, Appendix 17 (Rev. WRC-12) of Radio Regulations concerning frequencies and channeling arrangement in the high frequency bands for the maritime mobile service with the implementation date effective 01 January 2017.

The MSC, at its ninety-seventh session (21 to 25 November 2016), while noting that a revision of the subject IMO circular was anticipated in parallel with the upcoming revision of SOLAS chapter IV, agreed to amend the date from 1 January 2017 to 1 January 2024 with the intention of avoiding any unnecessary updates of HF radiocommunication equipment that is already capable of operating narrow band direct printing (NBDP).

In view hereof, NOTICE is hereby given to all concerned entities, ship owners, ship operators, bareboat charterers, ship managers of Philippine registered ships engaged in international trade to strictly abide with this IMO circular.

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Commissioner

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