

**[ NTC MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 13-09-2002,  
September 30, 2002 ]**

**AMENDING MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 01-01-2002 ON THE  
MANDATORY INSTALLATION OF NAVTEX RECEIVER AND  
SATELLITE EPIRB TO CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF PHILIPPINE  
REGISTERED VESSELS ENGAGED IN THE COASTWISE TRADE**

In the interest of public service and in consonance with the agreements reached during the sub-committee meetings conducted by the Commission, sections II and IV of Memorandum Circular No. 01-01-2002 dated 14 January 2002 are hereby amended as follows:

**II SCOPE/COVERAGE**

The following Philippine vessels engaged in the coastwise trade are required to be equipped with the NAVTEX Receiver and Satellite EPIRB navigational equipments:

- 2.1 Passenger and General Cargo Vessels of 150 G.T. and above;
- 2.2 Tankers and High Speed Crafts;
- 2.3 Fishing Vessels of 250 G.T. and above; and
- 2.4 Tugboats and Barges operating coastwise.

**IV. DATE OF MANDATORY COMPLIANCE**

All vessels referred to in this circular is mandated to comply with the installation and maintenance at all times commencing from the hereunder specified dates:

- 4.1 Installation of the Satellite EPIRB — on or before 31 October 2002
- 4.2 Installation of the NAVTEX Receiver — on or before 31 December 2002

This circular takes effect fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper of general circulation and three (3) certified copies furnished the UP Law Center.

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