

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 02-01-96

**SUBJECT: EXEMPTION OF PHILIPPINES REGISTERED VESSELS FROM THE
INSTALLATION OF RADIO DIRECTION FINDER.**

Pursuant to the provisions of R.A. 3396 as amended, and the 1974 SOLAS Convention as amended concerning radiocommunications for the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) particularly Chapter V Regulation 12 (p) as follows. "When engaged on international voyages, ships of 1,600 tons gross tonnage and upwards shall be fitted with a radio direction-finding apparatus. The Administration may exempt a ship from this requirement if considers it unreasonable or unnecessary for such apparatus to be carried or if the ship is provided wit other radionavigation equipment suitable for use throughout its intended voyages.", any Philippine registered vessel engaged in the international trade with 1,600 gross tonnage and upwards is hereby exempted from the installation of a Radio Direction Finder on the condition that the vessel has fully complied with the requirements of GMDSS on board facilities and a radionavigation equipment as a Global Positioning System (GPS) is installed on board the vessel.

This circular shall take effect immediately

10th January 1996, City of Quezon, Philippines

SIMEON L. KINTANAR
Commissioner

