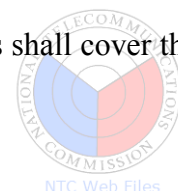


MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 16-89A

SUBJECT: GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL RADIOTELEPHONE OPERATOR'S PERMIT FOR FISHING VESSELS (SROPFV), WITHOUT EXAMINATION, TO QUALIFIED APPLICANTS.

Pursuant to Act 3846, as amended and in lieu with the government's policy of simplification of procedures, the National Telecommunications Commission hereby issues the following guidelines and procedures.

1. Special Radiotelephone Operator's Permit for Fishing Vessels – A written instrument issued by the Commission to a qualified person authorizing him to carry out the radiotelephone service of a duly licensed radio station on board a fishing vessel.
2. Scope of Authority – The holder of an SROP-FV Certificate may carry out only the radiotelephone service of any duly licensed radio station on board a fishing vessel in the Philippines with a power of not more than 25 watts using F3E Emission subject to the following limitations and conditions:
 - a. He is allowed to operate or adjust only external controls of the transmitter/transceiver, such as the “on” and “off” switch, the volume control, the channel selected and the squelch control;
 - b. He shall operate the radio station strictly in accordance with the conditions specified in the station license.
3. Qualifications of Applicant – The following are the qualifications required for an applicant for an SROP-FV Certificate;
 - a. He must be a citizen of the Philippines;
 - b. He must be of good moral character;
 - c. He must be at least 18 years of age;
 - d. He must be skipper/patron or an employee in a firm or company which is authorized by the Commission to operate radio stations on board fishing vessels;
 - e. He must have completed a course/seminar on the existing maritime radio rules and regulations as well as calling procedures, traffic handling, monitoring and relaying of distress signals and other operating practices applicable to radio stations on board fishing vessels.
4. Areas of study – The study course for SROP-FV operator's shall cover the following:



Subject	No. of Hours
a. Radio laws and regulation	1
b. Traffic handling and procedures, monitoring/relaying Of distress signals and prevention of interference	2
c. Operation and maintenance of equipment	1
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TOTAL	4 Hrs.

5. Application for SROP-FV Certificate – An applicant for an SROP-FV Operator’s Certificate may file his accomplished application with the central office of the National Telecommunications Commission at Quezon City or at any of its regional offices together with the following:
 - a. Certificate of completion of a study course on SROP-FV maritime radio laws, regulations and operations issued by the Commission.
 - b. Certificate of employment of the applicant duly signed by a Senior Official of the firm or company authorized by the Commission to operate a radio station on board a fishing vessel.
 - c. Copy of valid construction permit or license of the radio station to be operated by the applicant.

6. Special Provision – A holder of a valid Third Class Commercial Radiotelephone or Radiotelegraph Operator License actually employed on board a fishing vessel may be issued a Special Radiotelephone Operator’s Permit for Fishing Vessel without attending a seminar upon application therefor to the Commission, accompanied by the required permit fee and ID photo.

7. Issuance of SROP-FV Certificate – The Commission shall issue an SROP-FV Certificate without examination to an applicant after compliance with the requirements as prescribed herein.

8. Renewal of SROP-FV Certificate – An SROP-FV Certificate may be renewed by the Commission at least 30 days before its expiry date and the prescribed fees paid accordingly.
 - a. A holder who filed a late application for renewal of his certificate but not beyond six months after its date of expiration shall pay a surcharge of 50% of the certificate fee.
 - b. A holder who filed an application for renewal of his certificate six months or more after the expiry date but not beyond one year shall pay a surcharge of 100% of the certificate fee. A 100% surcharge



for each one-year thereafter of late filing shall be paid by the applicant.

- c. The payment of surcharge fees for late filing of an application for renewal, however shall not apply provided that the holder has informed the Commission in writing before the expiry date, that he has no intention of using the subject certificate until further notice and has surrendered the original copy thereof. The Commission may revalidate such certificate upon receipt of a properly accomplished application for renewal from the grantee.
9. Issuance of duplicate Certificate – The holder of a lost, mutilated or destroyed certificate shall immediately notify the Commission.
- a. The applicant for duplicate of an SROP-FV certificate shall submit to the Commission an application for duplicate with a sworn statement attending to the facts surrounding the loss, that a reasonable search has been made for it and that the original or duplicate of the certificate, if found, shall be returned to the Commission for cancellation.
10. Effectivity Period of an SROP-FV Certificate – An SROP-FV Operator’s Certificate may be issued for a maximum period not exceeding three (30) years.
11. Fees – The Commission shall charge the applicant the following fees:
- a. Application fee P20.00
 - b. Seminar fee P20.00
 - c. Issuance of certificate fee per year P20.00
 - d. Issuance of duplicate certificate P50.00
12. Suspension or Revocation of Certificate – The Commission, may suspend or revoke any SROP-FV certificate, for failure of the holder to comply with any relevant radio law or regulation, in accordance with existing procedures on the suspension or revocation of radio operator certificates.

This Circular shall take effect immediately and, any order, Circular, instruction or memorandum or any part thereof which is inconsistent herewith is deemed and/or supersedes accordingly.

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