



MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 04-06-2016

Subject: Re-allocation of the 470-512 MHz band for Digital Terrestrial Television Broadcasting Service in the Philippines

Whereas, pursuant to Rule 600 of Memorandum Circular No. 8-9-95 (Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 7925), the radio spectrum allocation and assignment shall be subject to periodic review in the interest of public service;

Whereas, pursuant to Executive Order No. 546, Series of 1979, this Commission is vested with the power to promulgate rules and regulations, as public safety and interest may require, for purposes of encouraging a larger and more effective use of communications, radio and television broadcasting facilities, and maintaining healthy competition among radio and television entities and/or operators;

Whereas, there is a need to review and rationalize the radio spectrum in order to keep pace with the rapid and more recent developments in broadcast technology;

Whereas, due to its technical capabilities, digital television provides sharper and clearer video as well as improved audio quality compared to analog television;

Whereas, many of the existing analog television stations operating on low VHF band channels are susceptible to local electrical interference particularly in highly urbanized cities;

Whereas, digital television broadcasts will all transmit on higher channels, making reception interference less likely to occur;

Wherefore, pursuant to Act 3846, Republic Act No. 7925 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, Executive Order 546 series of 1979, and in the interest of service, the National Telecommunications Commission hereby re-allocates the band 470-512 MHz for the use of Digital Terrestrial Television Broadcasting Service and shall form part of the National Radio Frequency Allocation Table:

Section 1. All existing and duly authorized VHF television networks are each entitled to a channel assignment in the 470-512 MHz band.

Section 2. The transfer of previously authorized persons or entities operating radio stations within the 470-512 MHz band shall be governed by Rule 603 of Memorandum Circular No. 3-3-96.

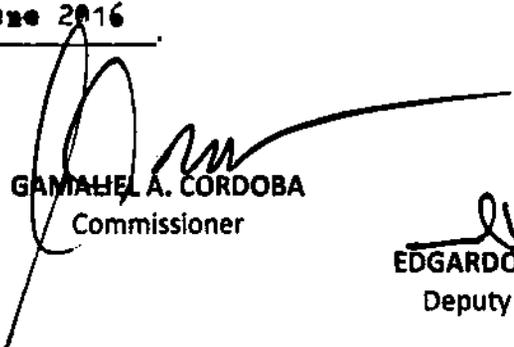
Section 3. Any Circular, Order or Memorandum or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are deemed suspended and/or amended accordingly.

Section 4. If any part or provision of this Memorandum Circular is declared invalid or unconstitutional, any part or provision not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. This Circular shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper of general circulation and three (3) certified true copies furnished to the UP Law Center.

Quezon City, Philippines, 27 June 2016


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