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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU REMINDS SIGNAL BOOSTER MANUFACTURERS OF MARCH 1, 2014 EQUIPMENT COMPLIANCE DATE

On February 20, 2013, the Commission adopted new technical, operational, and registration requirements for signal boosters in order to enhance wireless coverage for consumers, particularly in rural, underserved, and difficult-to-serve areas, while ensuring that boosters do not adversely affect wireless networks.¹ Pursuant to our new rules, on or after March 1, 2014, all signal boosters - Consumer and Industrial - sold and marketed in the United States must meet our new requirements for such devices. Specifically, “no person, manufacturer, distributor, or retailer may market, distribute or offer for sale or lease any Consumer Signal Booster that does not comply with the requirements of this section to any person in the United States or to any person intending to operate the Consumer Signal Booster within the United States at any time on or after March 1, 2014.”² In addition, all signal boosters marketed on or after March 1, 2014 must be appropriately labeled.³

We remind signal booster equipment manufacturers of the March 1, 2014 equipment compliance deadline. The new technical requirements for signal boosters will require additional time for review and processing of applications for equipment certification.⁴ We encourage signal booster manufacturers to promptly file equipment certification applications in order to meet the March 1, 2014 compliance date.

¹ Amendment of Parts 1, 2, 22, 24, 27, 90 and 95 of the Commission's Rules to Improve Wireless Coverage Through the Use of Signal Boosters, *Report and Order*, 28 FCC Rcd 1663 (2013). The Office of Management and Budget approved the new information collection requirements in these rules on August 21, 2013, and those rules took effect upon publication in the Federal Register on September 11, 2013. 78 FR 55648.

² 47 C.F.R. § 20.21(g).

³ See 47 C.F.R. § 20.21(f).

⁴ The FCC Lab permits Telecommunications Certification Bodies (TCBs) to review and process applications for equipment authorization of consumer signal boosters. However, since the test procedures are still under development, TCBs are required to consult with the FCC Lab prior to issuing grants. (See KDB 935210 at www.fcc.gov/labhelp and <https://apps.fcc.gov/oetcf/kdb/reports/PublishedDocumentList.cfm>). The additional review will require testing of samples by the FCC Lab and may add six weeks or more of time to the normal TCB review process. Manufacturers may want to contact TCBs to obtain estimates on review and approval time.

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