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Media Bureau Reminds Manufacturers of January 1, 2014 Deadline for Compliance with Closed Captioning Requirements Adopted in 2012 *IP Closed Captioning Order*

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On January 13, 2012, the Commission released the *IP Closed Captioning Order*, which adopted rules governing the closed captioning requirements for the owners, providers, and distributors of video programming delivered using Internet protocol (“IP”).¹ The *IP Closed Captioning Order* also adopted rules governing the closed captioning capabilities of certain apparatus on which consumers view video programming.² These rules specify what apparatus are covered by the new requirements and how they must implement closed captioning.³ The Commission established a compliance deadline of January 1, 2014 for covered apparatus.⁴ Accordingly, we remind manufacturers of this deadline, pursuant to which the new requirements apply to apparatus manufactured on or after January 1, 2014.⁵

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¹ *Closed Captioning of Internet Protocol-Delivered Video Programming: Implementation of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010*, Report and Order, 27 FCC Rcd 787 (2012) (“*IP Closed Captioning Order*”).

² *Id.*

³ *Id.* at 838-860, ¶¶ 92-123.

⁴ *Id.* at 859, ¶ 122.

⁵ See *Closed Captioning of Internet Protocol-Delivered Video Programming: Implementation of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010*, Order on Reconsideration and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 28 FCC Rcd 8785, 8798, ¶ 23 (2013). Accordingly, the compliance deadline is *not* triggered by the importation, shipment, or sale of apparatus manufactured before January 1, 2014. See *id.*