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## **COMMENTS SOUGHT ON TECHNOLOGICAL ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT ON MOBILE DEVICE THEFT PREVENTION**

On December 4, 2014, the FCC's Technological Advisory Council (TAC) Subcommittee on Mobile Device Theft Prevention (MDTP) presented its Report (Report) to the TAC. The Report reflects the work of a diverse group of over 30 professionals from the mobile communications industry, law enforcement, insurance, fraud prevention, recycling and consumer groups and provides important factual data about the incidence and characteristics of mobile wireless device theft in the United States. The Report also includes recommendations to the Commission, industry and law enforcement for next steps to reduce mobile wireless device theft. A copy of the Report is available [here](#)<sup>1</sup> on the Commission's website and on the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) in ET Docket No. 14-143.

The Office of Engineering and Technology (OET) and the Consumer and Governmental Affairs and Wireless Telecommunications Bureaus (Bureaus) generally seek comment on these recommendations, with a particular emphasis on recommendations for industry that can be implemented in the near term to provide timely benefits to consumers.

OET and the Bureaus seek specific comment on several of the Report's technical and operational recommendations for implementation by industry:

- Making "lock/wipe/restore" functionality operational by default on all mobile wireless devices.
- Enhancing protection of unique mobile wireless device identifiers (International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) or Mobile Equipment Identity (MEID) numbers or perhaps a new identifier to be developed) from alteration.
- Improving the timeliness, accuracy, and availability of data about mobile wireless device theft for use by law enforcement.
- In addition, OET and the Bureaus seek comment on steps that would need to be taken by service providers, retailers, resellers and other members of the mobile wireless communications sector to ensure that mobile wireless devices that are placed into service on networks in the United States have not been listed as lost or stolen on relevant databases.

Finally, OET and the Bureaus seek input from the public comparing the costs of implementation of some or all of the Report's recommendations with their possible benefits for consumers.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://transition.fcc.gov/bureaus/oet/tac/tacdocs/meeting12414/TAC-MDTP-Report-v1.0-FINAL-TAC-version.pdf>

Interested parties may file comments on or before January 30, 2015, and reply comments on or before February 17, 2015. All filings should refer to ET Docket No. 14-143.

Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>.
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Comments and reply comments will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., CY-A257, Washington, D.C., 20554. These documents will also be available via ECFS.

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