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OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCES EFFECTIVE DATE OF SUBMARINE CABLE LICENSE RULES

OI Docket No. 24-523, MD Docket No. 24-524

The Office of International Affairs (OIA) of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) announces that the rules adopted in the *Submarine Cable Landing License Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Submarine Cable First Report and Order and Further Notice)*¹ that did not go into effect on November 26, 2025, are now effective on July 8, 2026.²

Submarine Cable Rules. On August 7, 2025, the Federal Communications Commission adopted the *Submarine Cable First Report and Order and Further Notice*.³ The *Submarine Cable First Report and Order*⁴ and *Further Notice*⁵ were published in the Federal Register on October 27, 2025. On October 28, 2026, OIA released a Public Notice announcing the effective date of certain rules submarine cable rules as November 26, 2025.⁶ The remaining rules contained in the *Report and Order* contained new or modified information collection requirements. Thus, OIA submitted supporting statements to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act for review of such rules on

¹ *Review of Submarine Cable Landing License Rules and Procedures to Assess Evolving National Security, Law Enforcement, Foreign Policy, and Trade Policy Risks; Amendment of the Schedule of Application Fees Set Forth in Sections 1.1102 through 1.1109 of the Commission's Rules*, OI Docket No. 24-523, MD Docket No. 24-524, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 25-49 (rel. Aug. 13, 2025) (*Submarine Cable Report and Order and Further Notice*); corrected by Erratum, <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-414544A1.pdf> (OIA and OMD, rel. Sep. 16, 2025); corrected by Second Erratum, <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-415107A1.pdf> (OIA and OMD, rel. Oct. 24, 2025).

² Federal Communications Commission, Review of Submarine Cable Landing License Rules and Procedures to Assess Evolving National Security, Law Enforcement, Foreign Policy, and Trade Policy Risks, Final Rule, Announcement of Effective Date, 91 Fed. Reg. 42137 (July 8, 2026) (to be codified at 47 CFR pts. 1 and 43) (Final Rule Effective Date Federal Register Summary).

³ *Submarine Cable Report and Order and Further Notice*.

⁴ Federal Communications Commission, Review of Submarine Cable Landing License Rules and Procedures to Assess Evolving National Security, Law Enforcement, Foreign Policy, and Trade Policy Risks, Final Rule, 90 Fed. Reg. 48648 (Oct. 27, 2025) (to be codified at 47 CFR pts. 0, 1, and 43) (Report and Order Federal Register Summary).

⁵ Federal Communications Commission, Review of Submarine Cable Landing License Rules and Procedures to Assess Evolving National Security, Law Enforcement, Foreign Policy, and Trade Policy Risks, Proposed Rule, 90 Fed. Reg. 48557 (Oct. 27, 2025) (Further Notice Federal Register Summary).

⁶ *Office of International Affairs Announces Effective Date of Certain Submarine Cable License Rules And Comment Dates For Further Notice*, Public Notice, DA 25-934, 2025 WL 3677834, at *1 (OIA Oct. 28, 2025).

April 16, 2026. OMB issued the Notices of Approval on June 26, 2026.

As set forth in the Federal Register summary for the *Submarine Cable Report and Order*,⁷ and as announced in the Federal Register notice,⁸ the remaining rules will be effective on July 8, 2026:

- § 1.767 – [Removed]
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- § 1.70002(b) – General requirements.
- § 1.70003 – Applicant/licensee requirements.
- § 1.70005 – Initial application for a cable landing license.
- § 1.70006 – Certifications.
- § 1.70007(f)-(h), (l), (m), (q), (s), (t), (v), (x) – Routine conditions.
- § 1.70008 – Requests for special temporary authority.
- § 1.70009 – Notification by and prior approval for cable landing licensees that are or propose to become affiliated with a foreign carrier.
- § 1.70011 – Applications for modification of a cable landing license.
- § 1.70012 – Substantial assignment or transfer of control applications.
- § 1.70013 – Pro forma assignment and transfer of control notifications.
- § 1.70016(b)(2) – Eligibility for streamlining.
- § 1.70017 – Foreign adversary annual report for licensees.
- § 1.70020 – Renewal and extension applications.
- § 1.70023 – Covered list certification for cable landing licensees.
- § 1.70024 – One-time cybersecurity and physical security certification.
- § 43.82 – Circuit capacity report.

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⁷ See *Report and Order Federal Register Summary*, 90 Fed. Reg. at 48689; see also *Submarine Cable Report and Order and Further Notice* at 144, para. 335.

⁸ Final Rule Effective Date Federal Register Summary.