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NEW FM WORKING ARRANGEMENT WITH CANADA GOES INTO EFFECT

Canada and the United States have agreed to immediate implementation of a new FM Working Arrangement. The new Working Arrangement affects all FM stations and proposals within 320 km of the U.S.-Canadian border and replaces the previous Working Arrangement under the Canada-U.S. FM Agreement of 1947.

This arrangement implements the tentative agreement reached between Canada and U.S. representatives meeting in Ottawa during September 5 to 7 regarding a new FM Broadcasting Agreement and a new FM Working Arrangement to be attached to the Agreement. Once implemented through exchange of Diplomatic Notes, the new FM Agreement and Working Arrangement will supersede the Canada-U.S. FM Agreement of 1947 as well as the old FM Working Arrangement. In the meantime, pending the exchange of Diplomatic Notes, the FCC and the Ministry of Communications in Ottawa have agreed to an interim implementation of the new FM Working Arrangement.

Effective November 20, 1984, all applications will be processed based on the technical criteria found in the new Working Arrangement. Applicants will be given an opportunity to amend applications filed prior to the implementation date to achieve compliance with the new Working Arrangement. The same opportunity will be provided for all applications filed up to 30 days after the implementation date. Applications filed more than 30 days after the implementation date may be returned as defective if they do not comply with the new Working Arrangement.

A limited number of copies of the new Working Arrangement are available from Charles H. Breig, Room 8120A, 2025 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies may also be obtained from the Commission's copy contractor. For further information about the technical criteria contained in the new Working Arrangement please contact, Charles Breig at (202) 254-3394 or Robert Greenberg at (202) 632-7166.

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