

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL O'RIELLY**

Re: Amendment of Parts 0, 1, 2, 15 and 18 of the Commission's Rules regarding Authorization of Radiofrequency Equipment, ET Docket No. 15-170, First Report and Order.

I am pleased to support today's order that streamlines and updates many of our equipment authorization rules. Reducing the paperwork burden of unnecessary forms, simplifying our self-approval procedures for equipment authorization by turning two processes into one, and fully implementing e-labelling should result in real cost savings for manufacturers.

Even I must admit that it seems like I have been talking about e-labeling for ages. It is at the point where I feel that there is little left to be said, so I will keep it short. What started as one of my earlier blogs, moved on to an item on OETs' Knowledge Database, became a Federal law, turned into a notice and is now finally and officially part of our rules. No longer will manufacturers have to routinely undertake the cost of placing or etching small labels on each and every piece of equipment when this information can be easily accessed digitally on a screen. I would like to recognize Senator Deb Fischer, who championed this idea before Congress, resulting in passage of the E-LABEL Act.

And, I thank the Chairman for moving this item, along with Julie and his team who have been diligently working on these issues with me since 2014.