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| ***FCC - News from the Federal Communications Commission*****Media Contact:** Cecilia Sulhoff, (202) 418-0587cecilia.sulhoff@fcc.gov**For Immediate Release****FCC UPDATES HEARING AID COMPATIBLITY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**WASHINGTON, November 15, 2018—The Federal Communications Commission today adopted a Report and Order that will give consumers and the Commission better access to information about the availability of hearing aid-compatible wireless handsets. Specifically, the Report and Order:* Requires service providers to post on their web sites more up-to-date and accessible information about hearing aid-compatible wireless handsets
* Requires all service providers to certify annually whether they are in compliance with FCC hearing aid-compatibility rules
* Eliminates a less effective and more burdensome method of providing information by ending the requirement that service providers file FCC Form 655 annually, while maintaining that requirement for handset manufacturers
* Establishes a streamlined transition process for the new web site and certification requirements

The action taken today will ensure that consumers have up-to-date information and remove an unnecessary regulatory burden without impairing the Commission’s ability to enforce its hearing aid-compatibility rules.Action by the Commission November 15, 2018 by Report and Order (FCC 18-167). Chairman Pai, Commissioners O’Rielly, Carr, and Rosenworcel approving and issuing separate statements.WT Docket No. 17-228###**Office of Media Relations: (202) 418-0500****ASL Videophone: (844) 432-2275****TTY: (888) 835-5322****Twitter: @FCC****www.fcc.gov/office-media-relations***This is an unofficial announcement of Commission action. Release of the full text of a Commission order constitutes official action. See MCI v. FCC, 515 F.2d 385 (D.C. Cir. 1974).* |