

Method for Addressing ACTA Inquiries

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Recommendation:

That ACTA adopt the inclusion of text on its Part 68 web-site to provide instructions on where to have technical and administrative questions answered.

Background:

In accordance with the FCC Report and Order, FCC 00-400 (¶53), ACTA must refer inquiries pertaining to proper interpretation and application of the Part 68 technical criteria to the appropriate standards development organization or TCB. Accordingly, the following text should be added on the Part 68 web-site to provide instructions on where to obtain certain information. Website hyperlinks will be added.

Technical & Administrative Inquiries:

The Administrative Council for Terminal Attachment ("ACTA") was established pursuant to the Federal Communication Commission's ("FCC") Report and Order in the 2000 Biennial Review of Part 68 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, CC Docket No. 99-216, FCC 00-400, adopted November 9, 2000 and released December 21, 2000 ("Order" or "R&O"). The Order directed the industry, through the co-sponsorship and support of the Telecommunications Industry Association ("TIA") and the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions ("ATIS") to establish the ACTA as the open body that would assume the Commission's Part 68 role for those items privatized in the Order. (Section 68.602).

As provided for in the *Order*, any ANSI-accredited Standards Development Organization ("SDO"), observing ANSI consensus decision-making procedures, may establish technical criteria and submit such criteria to the ACTA for adoption.

Inquires in regards to the technical content of any adopted specification, or interpretation thereof, should be sent to the organization (SDO) that submitted the specification. For information on contacting the appropriate SDO, refer to the technical specification.

Questions regarding test methodologies, procedures, or application, should be directed to a Telecommunications Certification Body (TCB). The TCB program was designed with the objective to facilitate market access and competition in the provision of telecommunications products that require testing and/or approval. TCBs satisfying specific qualification criteria may certify equipment. A complete list of TCBs is available at <enter web-link>.

Administrative questions pertaining to the ACTA, or inquiries about guidelines for submitting a filing for terminal equipment registration, should be sent to the ACTA Secretariat. Inquiries and questions can be sent via e-mail to acta@atis.org.