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Review and Update

Responsible Party Code (RPC) Data Validation Program

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What Is Part 68 ?

Per the FCC's website, "Part 68 of the FCC rules (47 C.F.R. Part 68) governs the connection of Terminal Equipment (TE) to the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN)."

also,

"Under Part 68, wireline telecommunications carriers must allow all TE to be connected directly to their networks, provided the TE meet certain criteria for preventing four proscribed harms."

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What Is Part 68 ? (Continued)

The four proscribed harms are:

- Electrical hazards to the personnel of providers of wireline telecommunications,
- damage to the equipment of providers of wireline telecommunications,
- malfunction of the billing equipment of providers of wireline telecommunications,
- and degradation of service to persons other than the user of the subject terminal equipment, his calling or called party.



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Additional Rules Contained In Part 68

- Provisions to protect consumers
- Allow consumers to access competitive services
- Rules concerning Hearing Aid Compatibility and Volume Control for telephones
- Dialing frequency for automatic dialing machines
- Source identification for fax transmissions
- Technical criteria for inside wiring



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ACTA was formed as a result of the FCC's 2000 Biennial Review of Part 68 contained in the Report & Order (CC Docket No. 99-216).

The Order privatized the process by which technical criteria for the prevention of harm are established for customer premise or terminal equipment that may be sold for connection to the telephone network, and for the approval of such equipment to demonstrate compliance with the relevant technical criteria.

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The Order directed the industry, through the co-sponsorship and support of the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) and the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) to establish ACTA as the **open body** that endorses the technical requirements for Part 68 and manages the database for product registrations; while the FCC **continues** to be responsible for the **enforcement** of Part 68 compliance.

The Council does not make technical decisions regarding the development of technical criteria.

The Mission, Scope, and the Responsibilities of the Council are in the Operating Principles and Procedures document located on the ACTA webpage (www.part68.org).

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The ACTA Industry Segment Representatives (IS Reps) are comprised of the following:

- Service Provider Segment (“SPS”)
- Manufacturer Segment (“MS”)
- Testing Laboratories Segment (“LAB”)
- Other Interested Parties (“OIP”)

The IS Reps are expected to participate in all ACTA activities and to represent the interests of their respective interest segments.

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ACTA IS Reps Today

SPS Segment

Trone Bishop – Verizon
Jimmy Salinas – AT&T
Amar Ray – CenturyLink

MS Segment

Richard Mullin - Panasonic
Ken Biholar – Alcatel-Lucent

LAB Segment

Scott Lambert – Intertek
Sharon Hoffman – TIMCO

OIP Segment

Milton Bush -The M Companies
John Bipes – Mobile Engineering

ACTA Chair - Jim Haynes
Compliance Engineering Services

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ACTA Openings

SPS Segment

2 Vacancies
(1 Primary & 1 Alternate)

MS Segment

3 Vacancies
(2 Primaries & 1 Alternate)

LAB Segment

1 Vacancy
(1 Alternate)

OIP Segment

1 Vacancy
(1 Alternate)

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- Membership in the ACTA is free and is open to any organization, company, or group having an interest in the business of the Council.
- The Membership of the ACTA is represented on the Council by the member's specific Interest segment.
- General communications to the ACTA are processed through the ACTA Secretariat.
- Typically, there are four general ACTA meetings each year, two face-to-face (Washington DC) and two virtual.
- Meetings are open to all interested parties.
- Contributions and proposals should be submitted to the ACTA Secretariat at least ten days prior to meetings.

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- The ACTA does not recommend products or technologies.
- The ACTA adopts and publishes technical documents submitted by ANSI-accredited standards development organizations (“SDOs”).

Current Active SDOs

- ❖ TIA Committee – TR41, User Premises Telecommunications Requirements
 - ❖ ATIS Committee Sustainability in Telecom: Energy and Protection Committee
- Documents adopted and published by the ACTA have the ACTA-adopted logo and date affixed to the front cover.

(Section 10 of the ACTA Operating Principles & Procedures provides a complete explanation and ruling)

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ACTA Database Filings

For the details regarding filings, refer to the ACTA Submission Guidelines and Procedures.

- ACTA Filings should be made using AOF (ACTA Online Filing System).
- There are two main types of Filings:
 - Telecommunications Certification Body (TCB) Filings
 - Supplier's Declaration of Conformity (SDoC) Filings
- Other Important Terms:
 - Responsible Party Code (RPC) is a unique identifier assigned to the Party responsible for terminal equipment. Formerly Applicant or Grantee Code issued by the FCC.



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Responsible Party Code (RPC) Data Validation Program

- An important responsibility of the ACTA is to maintain an accurate and up-to-date database of all Part 68 Telephone Terminal Equipment (TTE). The information associated with a Responsible Party Code (RPC) is extremely important to FCC, US Customs, and consumers.
- Currently, there are over 7000 Responsible Party Codes (RPC) on the ACTA Database.
- Within the past 7 years, only 1,115 RPCs are known to be active and valid.
- In December 2010, the ACTA introduced a program to update and validate all Responsible Party Code Data.



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- It is a requirement that the Responsible Party validate the RPC data on an annual basis to either confirm or update the RPC data in the ACTA database.
- The cost to file an RPC Data Validation form is \$125.00; however, ACTA has created an ‘early bird’ discount structure allowing parties who file early to pay a discounted fee of \$95.00.
- Typically this discounted fee will be valid from October 1st – December 31st for parties who are validating for the coming calendar year (i.e. October 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011 for the 2012 validation).
- Since the program was introduced in December 2010, ACTA decided to make a “one-time” discount period of January 1, 2011 to February 28, 2011 to allow filers to submit the RPC Data Validation submission at \$95.00.

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The following slide shows
the manual RPC Data
Validation filing form

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 Washington, D.C. 20005

RPC DATA VALIDATION FORM Ver. 1.0

*Please refer to the *Guidelines & Procedures for submittal of information to ACTA for inclusion in the database of approved Telephone Terminal Equipment ("TTE")* for a detailed item description of the requirements for the request for RPCs, transfers of RPCs, and for additional required documentation.

1a. Name of Company RPC

1b. Request for Update of RPC Information

(Note: Company Name cannot be updated with form. A request for Transfer of RPC must be submitted)

Company Name:				Company Name:			
Address:				Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	Country:	City:	State:	Zip:	Country:
Submitter's Name:				Submitter's Name:			
Phone:				Phone:			
Email:				Email:			
URL:				URL:			

2a. Responsible Party Primary Point of Contact

2b. Request for Update Responsible Party Additional Point of Contact

(Must Be Employee of the Responsible Party)

(May be a third party agent or contact.)

Name:				Name:			
Company Name:				Company Name:			
Address:				Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	Country:	City:	State:	Zip:	Country:
Phone:				Phone:			
Email:				Email:			

Please note that the Primary Point of Contact and Additional Points of Contact will receive notice of any filing made on behalf of the Responsible Party.



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the Database of an RPC
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Detailed TTE Information

✔ ⚠ What are these icons?

Your search has resulted in the following record. On this screen, you will find detailed information about the TTE filing, including the RPC/Applicant, US Product Information Contact and the various Trade Model(s) and Ancillary Equipment associated with the record.

US: ASODDAN6000-0176

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Date Approved: 9/6/2006
 Product Identifier: 6000-0176
 Filing Type: Original
 Equipment Code: DD
 Network Address Signal Code: N
 Country of Origin: UNITED STATES (USA)
 AC Ringer Equivalent Number: NAN
 USOC Jacks: RJ48C
 Service Order Code: 6.0Y
 Facility Interface Code: 04DU9.1SN, 04DU9.1KN, 04DU9.DN, 04DU9.BN
 Answer Supervision Codes: NA
 Hearing Aid Compatibility: NA
 Repetitive Dialing: N
 Manufacturer Port ID: 6000-0176
 Equipment Description: Universal Trunk Interface card (UDTIC P/N 6000-0176). The unit is comprised of a main PCB which contains all the communication and powering interfaces (P/N 6000-0176) and a daughter card (Paddle Card P/N 6000-0189) which contains the physical connections to the T1 network.

RPC/Applicant Information for TTE

RPC Name: Aspect Software
 RPC Code: ASO ✔
 Address: 2, The Square, Stockley Park
 Uxbridge UB11 1AD GTB
 Phone: +442085891461
 Fax:
 TTY:
 Email: Carl.Richards@Aspect.com
 URL: www.aspect.com

US Product Information Contact Information for TTE

AOS Name: Aspect Software Customer Support
 Address: 1310 Ridder Park Drive
 San Jose CA 95131 USA
 Phone: 4083252200
 Fax:
 TTY:
 Email:
 URL: www.aspect.com

Trade Model Information for TTE

Last Update	Model Information	Trade Names
09/05/06	UDTIC	Aspect CallCenter, Universal Digital Trunk Interface Card

Ancillary Equipment Information for TTE

Last Update	Cert Status	Trade Name	Model Numbers	Description
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Result Count for aspect software: 3

Applicant Name: [Aspect Software](#)
 RPC Code: ASO ✓
 Address: 2, The Square, Stockley Park
 Uxbridge, UB11 1AD GTB
 Website: www.aspect.com
 RP Last Updated: 4/25/2006

Applicant Name: [Aspect Software Inc.](#)
 RPC Code: BG2 ✓



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Result Count for aspect software: 3

Applicant Name: [Aspect Software](#)
 RPC Code: ASO ✔
 Address: 2, The Square, Stocklev Park
 Uxbri The company information has been validated for the
 Website: www. current year
 RP Last Updated: 4/25/2000

Applicant Name: [Aspect Software Inc.](#)
 RPC Code: BG2 ✔



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the Database of an RPC
filer who **has not**
validated its RPC Data.

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Result Count for sample: 1

Applicant Name: [Reserved - Sample Company](#)

RPC Code: MNW ⚠

Address: 123 Test Road
Bristol, CT 06010 USA

Website: [www.samplecompany.com](#)

RP Last Updated: 4/24/2001

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The following slide shows the Database when you “hover” over the filer’s name that **has not** been successfully validated.

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Result Count for sample: 1

Applicant Name: [Reserved - Sample Company](#)

RPC Code: MNW

Address: 123 Test Road

Bristol, The company information has yet to be validated for

Website: [www.s](#) the current year

RP Last Updated: 4/24/2011

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GENERAL FEES

- Fee for Original, Modification, and Notice of Change filings is \$525.00
- Fee for Transfer of RPC is \$525.00
- Fee for RPC Data Validation is \$125.00 (*)
- Fee for SDoC Posting is \$525.00
- Fee for other AOF filings is \$95.00

Refer to Section 3 of the Submission Guidelines and Procedures document on the ACTA website

(*) \$95.00 if paid between October 1st and December 31st before the year it is due.

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Questions ?

Remember the FCC Website and the ACTA Website are extremely useful in obtaining info about Part 68 and ACTA.

This presentation will be available on the ACTA Website for future reference.

www.fcc.gov

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