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PUBLIC NOTICE

***2021 Responsible Party Code (RPC) Data Validation Program:
Including Stabilized Maintenance Option***

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Washington, D.C. – The Administrative Council for Terminal Attachments (ACTA) announces that the Responsible Parties may now validate their Responsible Party Code (RPC) data for the 2021 calendar year. The established fee for RPC Data Validation is \$125.00. A discounted rate of \$95.00 will be in effect from December 8, 2020, through February 9, 2021. RPC Data are **required** to be validated on an **annual** basis.

The RPC Data Validation Program is processed through an online system that permits authorized filers to update and confirm RPC data on an annual basis. Responsible Party Codes that are updated will be noted by a “label” to show that the RPC data have been validated and are accurate. On at least an annual basis, ACTA will provide the FCC with reports detailing those responsible parties who have, and have not, validated their data.

Responsible Parties may also classify qualified RPCs as *Stabilized* and they shall carry forward that distinction for the remaining life of the RPC. To qualify for such maintenance, the following eligibility criteria shall be met:

- a) At least one product has been filed under the RPC;
- b) No products have been registered under the RPC within the past 10 years; and
- c) The RP does not anticipate that any products will be registered under the RPC in the future.

The RP shall submit documentation to support the above claims to the ACTA Secretariat using the Stabilized Maintenance Form in Appendix J of the [ACTA Submission Guidelines V 5.0](#). The fee for Stabilized Maintenance classification is \$295.00. This submission cannot be processed via ACTA Online Filers (AOF).

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 is extremely important to such government agencies as the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the U.S. Customs Services, and general consuming public. The RPC is the main piece of information that establishes the connection between the responsible party and the telephone equipment data stored in the database. As a result, it is imperative that the information be correct, not only at the time of the initial filing, but on an on-going basis.

Inaccurate contact information associated with an RPC poses a problem not only for the FCC, U.S. Customs staff, and consumers who have questions/issues with products or company information, but also for ACTA when releasing important information regarding Part 68 compliance.

Questions and comments about this notice should be submitted to the ACTA Secretariat via Email at acta@atis.org, or by phone at +1.202.628.6380.

About ACTA

The ACTA is an open organization with a mission to: (1) adopt technical criteria for terminal equipment to prevent network harm (as defined in Section 68.3) and HAC-compliant ACS telephonic CPE through the act of publishing such criteria developed by the American National Standards Institute (“ANSI”) accredited standards development organizations; and (2) establish and maintain database(s) of equipment approved as compliant with the technical criteria. ACTA is jointly sponsored by the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) and Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA). For more details about ACTA and the registration of equipment, visit: www.part68.org.