

(ii) Telephones that are purchased, or replaced with newly acquired telephones, must be:

(A) Hearing aid compatible, as defined in §68.116, after October 23, 1996; and

(B) Include volume control, as defined in §68.317, on or after January 1, 2000.

(iii) Unless a telephone in a confined setting is replaced pursuant to paragraph (b)(5)(ii) of this section, a hearing aid compatible telephone shall not be required if:

(A) A telephone is both purchased and maintained by a resident for use in that resident's room in the establishment; or

(B) The confined setting has an alternative means of signalling life-threatening or emergency situations that is available, working and monitored.

(6) Telephones in hotel and motel guest rooms, and in any other establishment open to the general public for the purpose of overnight accommodation for a fee. Such telephones are required to be hearing aid compatible, as defined in §68.316, except that, for establishments with eighty or more guest rooms, the telephones are not required to be hearing aid compatible, as defined in §68.316, until November 1, 1998; and for establishments with fewer than eighty guest rooms, the telephones are not required to be hearing aid compatible, as defined in §68.316, until November 1, 1999.

(i) Anytime after October 23, 1996, if a hotel or motel room is renovated or newly constructed, or the telephone in a hotel or motel room is replaced or substantially, internally repaired, the telephone in that room must be:

(A) Hearing aid compatible, as defined in §68.316, after October 23, 1996; and

(B) Include volume control, as defined in §68.317, on or after January 1, 2000.

(ii) The telephones in at least twenty percent of the guest rooms in a hotel or motel must be hearing aid compatible, as defined in §68.316, as of April 1, 1997.

(iii) Notwithstanding the requirements of paragraph (b)(6) of this section, hotels and motels which use telephones purchased during the period January 1, 1985 through December 31,

1989 may provide telephones that are hearing aid compatible, as defined in §68.316, in guest rooms according to the following schedule:

(A) The telephones in at least twenty percent of the guest rooms in a hotel or motel must be hearing aid compatible, as defined in §68.316, as of April 1, 1997;

(B) The telephones in at least twenty-five percent of the guest rooms in a hotel or motel must be hearing aid compatible, as defined in §68.316, by November 1, 1999; and

(C) The telephones in one-hundred percent of the guest rooms in a hotel or motel must be hearing aid compatible, as defined in §68.316, by January 1, 2001 for establishments with eighty or more guest rooms, and by January 1, 2004 for establishments with fewer than eighty guest rooms.

(c) *Telephones frequently needed by the hearing impaired.* Closed circuit telephones, i.e., telephones which cannot directly access the public switched network, such as telephones located in lobbies of hotels or apartment buildings; telephones in stores which are used by patrons to order merchandise; telephones in public transportation terminals which are used to call taxis or to reserve rental automobiles, need not be hearing aid compatible, as defined in §68.316, until replaced.

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Subpart C—Registration Procedures

§68.200 Application for equipment registration.

An original and one copy of an application for registration of terminal equipment and protective circuitry shall be submitted on FCC Form 730 to the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554 (Applications requiring fees as set forth at part 1, subpart G of this chapter must be filed in accordance with §0.401(b) of the rules). An application for original approval of an equipment type directly connected to the network on May 1, 1976, may be submitted as a short form application (unless the Commission

specifically requests the filing of complete information). All other applications shall have all questions answered and include the following information:

(a) Identification, technical description and purpose of the equipment for which registration is sought.

(b) The means, if any, employed to limit signal power into interface.

(c) A description of all circuitry employed in assuring compliance with this part 68 including the following:

(1) Specifications, including voltage or current ratings of all circuit elements whether active or passive, in that part of the equipment or circuitry which ensures compliance with subpart D of this part.

(2) A circuit diagram containing the complete circuit of that part of the equipment or circuitry which ensures compliance with subpart D of this part. If this portion of the device is subject to factory or field adjustment by the applicant or an agent thereof, instructions for these adjustments shall be included. In addition, if the equipment or circuitry is designed to operate from power supplied by electric utility lines, the circuit diagram shall also include that portion of the device connected to such lines, including the power supply to the internal circuitry, and whatever means are employed to isolate such utility lines from the internal circuitry.

(3) If a service manual is submitted, and any of these items are covered therein, it will be sufficient to list the pages in the manual on which the information specified in the item(s) appear.

(d) A statement that the terminal equipment or protective circuitry complies with and will continue to comply with the rules and regulations in subpart D of this part, accompanied by such test results, description of test procedures, analyses, evaluations, quality control standards and quality assurance standards as are necessary to demonstrate that such terminal equipment or protective circuitry complies with and will continue to comply with all the applicable rules and regulations in subpart D of this part. The Common Carrier Bureau will publish a Registration Application Guide referencing acceptable test procedures;

but other test methods may be employed provided they are fully described in the application and are found acceptable by the Commission.

(e) A photograph, sample or drawing of the equipment label showing the information to be placed thereon.

(f) Photographs, of size A4 (12.0 cm x 29.7 cm) or 8 x 10 inches (20.3 cm x 25.4 cm) of the equipment of sufficient clarity to reveal equipment construction and layout and labels for controls, with sufficient views of the internal construction to define component placement and chassis assembly. Photographs smaller than A4 (21.0 cm x 29.7 cm) or 8 x 10 inches (20.3 cm x 25.4 cm) will be acceptable if mounted on paper A4 (21.0 cm x 29.7 cm) or 8 x 10 inches (20.3 cm x 25.4 cm) and of sufficient clarity for the purpose. Insofar as these requirements are met by photographs or drawings contained in service manual or instruction manual included with the application, additional photographs are required only to complete the required showing.

(g) If the device covered by the application is designed to operate in conjunction with other equipment, the characteristics of which can affect compliance of the device covered by the application with subpart D of this part, then such other equipment must also be registered. If such other equipment already is registered, then the FCC Registration Number(s) must be supplied.

(h) Electrically transparent adapters, extension cords, line-transfer switches and cross-connect panels need not be registered provided they meet the requirements of §68.304(a) and the temperature-humidity requirements of §68.302(b). Descriptive installation procedures for cross-connect panels (where used) must be provided in equipment registration applications. Additional requirements include:

(1) An extension cord must consist of a male connector and a female connector and wiring between them which is no longer than 7.6 meters (25 feet).

(2) Transfer switches must be manually operated, not use relays, and be wired in a balanced tip and ring configurations. Switch wiring must be "fully protected" wiring, no longer than 7.6 meters (25 feet).

(i) Any application for registration or modification of the registration of a telephone, filed on or after March 1, 1984, shall state whether the handset complies with § 68.316 of these rules (defining hearing aid compatibility), or state that it does not comply with that section. A telephone handset which complies with § 68.316 shall be deemed a “hearing aid-compatible telephone” for purposes of § 68.4.

(j) Terminal equipment having the following lead connections to standard jacks or adapters are subject to the following compliance tests:

(1) *Make-busy leads*: The MB and MB1 leads shall be considered telephone connections and comply with the requirements of §§ 68.304 and 68.306 when isolated from tip and ring. When the corresponding telephone line is of the loop-start type the tip and ring leads shall comply with all part 68 rules when the MB and MB1 leads are bridged to the tip and ring connections.

(2) *Continuity leads*: Leakage current limitations shall be met as specified in § 68.304. The design of the terminal equipment shall assure that the open circuit dc voltage to ground shall not exceed 18 volts; the dc current in a short circuit across CY1 and CY2 shall not exceed 10 milliamperes; and any ac voltage to ground appearing on the continuity leads from sources in the terminal equipment shall not exceed 5 volts peak. The leads, CY1 and CY2, shall be treated as telephone connections for the purpose of hazardous voltage limitation tests and are only required to comply with § 68.304, 68.306(a) and (b)(1). Terminal equipment furnished with CY1 and CY2 leads shall comply with the criteria of § 68.308 and 68.314 with a short circuit across the CY1 and CY2 leads.

(3) Specialty adapters need only be evaluated for compliance with §§ 68.304 and 68.310 under the conditions specified in § 68.310. Resistors used for setting signal power levels must meet the requirements of § 68.502(e). Specialty adapters may be labelled, “FCC Reg. No. XXX”. (The proper number should be included.) The other information required by §§ 68.300 need not be provided.

(4) Data jack programmed resistor leads (PR and PC): See § 68.502(e). Leakage current limitations shall be met as

specified in § 68.304. PR and PC will be treated as telephone connections for the purpose of hazardous voltage limitation tests and are only required to comply with § 68.306(a) and (b)(1). Equipment furnished with PR and PC leads shall comply with the criteria of §§ 68.308 and 68.314 for all permitted values of the programming resistor specified in § 68.502(e).

(k) Any application for registration of a cordless telephone operating under the provisions of part 15 of this chapter shall be accompanied by a statement indicating that the device contains appropriate provision for protection of the public switched telephone network, pursuant to the requirements in § 15.214 of this chapter.

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§ 68.202 Public notice.

(a) The Commission will issue public notices of the filing of applications for equipment registrations and the grants thereof. No grant will issue before five days from the date of the public notice of the filing of the application.

(b) The Commission will maintain lists of equipment for which it has granted registration and for which it has revoked registration.

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§ 68.204 Comments and replies.

Comments may be filed as to any application for equipment registration within five days of the date of the public notice of its filing. Replies to such comments may be filed within five days of the filing of such comments. All comments must be served on all parties filing comments. An original and three copies of all comments and replies must be filed.

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§ 68.206 Grant of application.

(a) The Commission will grant an application for equipment registration if it finds from an examination of such application and other matter which it