

DATES: The renewal is effective from April 1, 2007, through March 31, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone 562-980-4000; fax 562-980-4018.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The MMPA, 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*, allows the entry into the United States of yellowfin tuna harvested by purse seine vessels in the ETP under certain conditions. If requested by the harvesting nation, the Assistant Administrator will determine whether to make an affirmative finding based upon documentary evidence provided by the government of the harvesting nation, the IATTC, or the Department of State.

The affirmative finding process requires that the harvesting nation is meeting its obligations under the IDCP and obligations of membership in the IATTC. Every 5 years, the government of the harvesting nation must request an affirmative finding and submit the required documentary evidence directly to the Assistant Administrator. On an annual basis, NMFS will review the affirmative finding and determine whether the harvesting nation continues to meet the requirements. A nation may provide information related to compliance with IDCP and IATTC measures directly to NMFS on an annual basis or may authorize the IATTC to release the information to NMFS to annually renew an affirmative finding determination without an application from the harvesting nation.

An affirmative finding will be terminated, in consultation with the Secretary of State, if the Assistant Administrator determines that the requirements of 50 CFR 216.24(f) are no longer being met or that a nation is consistently failing to take enforcement actions on violations, thereby diminishing the effectiveness of the IDCP.

As a part of the affirmative finding process set forth in 50 CFR 216.24(f), the Assistant Administrator considered documentary evidence submitted by the Republic of Ecuador or obtained from the IATTC and the Department of State and has determined that Ecuador has met the MMPA's requirements to receive an annual affirmative finding renewal.

After consultation with the Department of State, the Assistant Administrator issued the Republic of Ecuador's annual affirmative finding renewal, allowing the continued importation into the United States of

yellowfin tuna and products derived from yellowfin tuna harvested in the ETP by Ecuadorian-flag purse seine vessels or purse seine vessels operating under Ecuadorian jurisdiction. Ecuador's affirmative finding will remain valid through March 31, 2010, subject to subsequent annual reviews by NMFS.

Dated: May 23, 2007.

Samuel D. Rauch III

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; NTIA/FCC Web-Coordination Collection

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 30, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to: Steve Litts, Technology Speciality, Systems Development Branch, Office of Spectrum Management, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4096, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington DC 20230 (or via the Internet at Slitts@ntia.doc.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) developed a web-based system that collects specific identification

information (e.g., company name, location and projected range of the operation) from applicants seeking to operate in existing and planned radio frequency (RF) bands that are shared on a co-primary basis by federal and non-federal users. The web-based system provides a means for non-federal applicants to rapidly determine the availability of RF spectrum in a specific location, or the need for detailed frequency coordination of a specific newly proposed assignment within the shared portions of the radio spectrum. The website allows the non-federal applicant's proposed radio site information to be analyzed, and a real-time determination to be made as to whether there is a potential for interference to, or from, existing Federal government radio operations in the vicinity of the proposed site. This web-based coordination system helps expedite the coordination process for non-federal applicants while assuring protection of government data relating to national security. The information provided by non-federal applicants also assures the protection of the applicant's station from radio frequency interference from future government operations.

The non-federal applicants are required to submit information regarding the physical characteristics of the proposed radio station and the proposed location of the operation. This information is necessary for a determination of electromagnetic compatibility among radio stations in the frequency band. The name and address of the proposed licensee is also required, as currently required by the Federal Communications Commission. All data requested on the website is currently required for the coordination of non-federal radio stations in RF spectrum that is shared with the federal government.

II. Method of Collection

The application and instructions are on the NTIA website. Non-federal applicants submit applications electronically through the Web site.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0660-0018.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, state or local government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 750.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden: \$0.

Legal Authority: 47 U.S.C. 902(b)(2)(L)(ii).

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 23, 2007.

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Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

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Instructions to Assist Manufacturers Submitting Digital-to-Analog Converter Box Test Results and Sample Equipment for Certification.

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice provides guidance for manufacturers that intend to submit digital-to-analog converter boxes to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) for certification as part of the Digital-to-Analog Converter Box Coupon Program. This notice also provides address and contact information regarding the required submission of test results and sample equipment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Art Wall, Technology Advisor, DTV Converter Coupon Program, awall@ntia.doc.gov, (410) 643-1649.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 15, 2007, NTIA published regulations to implement and administer a coupon program for digital-to-analog converter boxes. Under this program, U.S.

households will be eligible to request up to two \$40 coupons to be used toward the purchase of up to two digital-to-analog converter boxes.¹ Converter boxes are necessary for consumers who may wish to continue receiving broadcast programming over the air using analog-only televisions not connected to cable, satellite, or other pay television service after February 17, 2009 - - the date that full power television broadcasters are required to cease analog broadcasting.²

Among other purposes, the Final Rule specifies that manufacturers interested in participating in the coupon program must submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to NTIA. The regulations provide the necessary information to include in the NOI and also provide technical specifications and features required for a converter box to qualify for the coupon program. The regulations also include specific instructions for manufacturers to submit test results along with a sample of the tested equipment to NTIA.³ The preamble to the regulations notes that NTIA has entered into an agreement with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) whereby the FCC may review the manufacturers' test results and converter boxes if necessary.⁴ The preamble also notes that a subsequent Public Notice will provide manufacturers with specific address and contact information regarding the required submission of test results and sample equipment.⁵ Moreover, section 301.5(e) of the Final Rule states that NTIA may issue other guidance and test-bed conditions. Accordingly, this Notice provides the following information: (1) the Notice of Intent (NOI) submission; (2) testing guidance; (3) test report (format and content) guidance; (4) shipping of samples; and (5) NTIA processing.

The guidance information provided in this notice is not binding. Compliance with the requirements contained in the regulations may be demonstrated by following the suggestions contained in this document or by alternative means.

¹ See Rules to Implement and Administer a Coupon Program For Digital-to-Analog Converter Boxes (Final Rule), 72 FR 12097 (March 15, 2009).

² See Title III of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, Pub. L. 109-171, 120 Stat. 4, 21 (Feb. 8, 2006). Section 3002(a) of the Act amends Section 309(j)(14)(A) of the Communications Act of 1934 so that analog full-power television licenses will terminate on February 17, 2009. Section 3002(b) of the Act directs the FCC to terminate analog television licenses for full-power stations by February 18, 2009.

³ 47 C.F.R. § 301.5.

⁴ See Final Rule at ¶ 101; see also 47 C.F.R. § 301.5(f).

⁵ Final Rule at ¶ 101.

Manufacturers intending to participate in the converter box coupon program should submit test results and sample equipment to NTIA in accordance with the guidelines specified below:

1. Notice of Intent

a. The NOI shall be submitted to NTIA at least three months prior to submission of the test report and samples pursuant to section 301.5(a) of the Final Rule. Accordingly, the NOI shall contain the following information: name, title, email and mailing address, and the phone number of an individual responsible for the manufacturer's submission; a brief description of the converter box, including permitted as well as required features; and the date on which the samples and test report for the proposed converter(s) may be ready for submission for review. The NOI shall be faxed to NTIA at (202) 482-4626 or delivered to: DTV Converter Coupon Program, Room 4809, NTIA/OTIA, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230. The NOI will be kept business confidential pursuant to section 301.5(b) of the Final Rule. A NOI form is available on NTIA's web site at www.ntia.doc.gov.

b. Pursuant to section 301.5(c), NTIA will provide the manufacturer with shipping information in a letter of acknowledgement after NTIA receives the NOI. Subsequent to receipt of the acknowledgement, a written authorization for submitting the samples and test report will be electronically sent to the contact person listed in the NOI. See item 3(a), below, for electronically submitting the test report, and item 4, below, for shipping the samples.

2. Testing Guidance

a. Source Material: For the performance specifications in items 8 through 13 and item 15 of Technical Appendix 1 to the Final Rule, it is recommended that the tests be performed with a High Definition data stream (i.e., resolution of 720p or higher) with motion.

b. Field Ensembles (#14): NTIA encourages manufacturers to specify which 30 of the 50 field ensembles identified in ATSC A/74 were tested successfully.

c. Single Static Echo (#15): NTIA encourages manufacturers to specify whether the model was tested against Criteria A or Criteria B as defined in Technical Appendix 1. If Criteria B is chosen, manufacturers should identify which 37 of the 50 field ensembles were tested successfully.

d. Manufacturers submitting converters intended to comply with the