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Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) Announces Enhancement to Ship Station Licensing within Universal Licensing System (ULS): Change of Vessel Name Is Made Under Administrative Update (AU)

Ship station applicants wishing to file a change of vessel name in the Universal Licensing System now do so as an Administrative Update (AU)¹.

When ULS was first deployed in this service, Ship station licensing applicants in ULS were required to file a change of vessel name as a Modification (MD). As indicated in an October 30, 2000 *Public Notice* ("Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) to Implement Universal Licensing System (ULS) for Ship Station Licensing on November 20, 2000," DA 00-2439), the MD filing requirement was temporary, and WTB indicated that it would provide public notice of a change to the AU filing requirement.

Ship station licensing was implemented in the ULS on November 20, 2000. ULS is the interactive licensing database developed by WTB to consolidate and to replace 11 existing licensing systems used to process applications and to grant licenses in wireless services. ULS provides numerous benefits, including fast and easy electronic filing, improved data accuracy through automated checking of applications, and enhanced electronic access to licensing information. The deployment of Ship in ULS has been part of the WTB's ongoing deployment of ULS for all wireless services.

For further information regarding ULS rules and procedures, applicants should refer to the ULS homepage at <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls>.

¹ An administrative update is an application filing that allows a licensee to update administrative data on its license(s) in the ULS licensing database. Administrative changes are limited to changes in licensee name (provided there is no change in license ownership, control, or corporate structure), address, phone number, fax number, control point, e-mail address, point of contact information—and, in Ship licensing, change of vessel name. Administrative changes do not include changes in technical specifications to a license, control points, assignments or transfers, or other changes that would require a modification application.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR ASSISTANCE

For general information about ULS, including answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) in regard to submitting applications, finding the status of pending applications, and searching the ULS database, the FCC recommends first consulting the ULS homepage at <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls>. Those individuals having specific questions not addressed on the homepage may contact Technical Support staff via phone or email as described below.

Applicants can reach the FCC Technical Support Hotline at (202) 414-1250, via TTY at (202) 414-1255, or via email at ulscomm@fcc.gov. Applicants can contact the Technical Support Hotline staff about questions concerning computer access to ULS, TIN registration, uploading files, or submitting attachments in ULS. The Hotline is available Monday–Friday, from 7 a.m.–10 p.m., on Saturdays from 8 a.m.–7 p.m., and Sundays from noon–6:00 p.m., Eastern Time. To provide better service to ULS users and to ensure the security of the electronic filing system, all calls to the Hotline are recorded.

ULS Ship Licensing Support and Forms information is a separate hotline. To talk with an agent, applicants should call 1-888-CALLFCC (225-5322) and choose option #2, or send questions to ulshelp@fcc.gov. Applicants can contact Licensing Support with questions about application purpose(s) that are appropriate for a particular filing, what information is being requested on a ULS Form or Schedule, or any other ULS-related licensing matter. ULS Licensing Support is available Monday–Friday, from 8 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Eastern Time.

Comments on ULS should be sent via the Internet to: ulscomm@fcc.gov.