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ACTA Adopts New Technical Criteria

The Administrative Council for Terminal Attachments (“ACTA” or “Administrative Council”) herein issues notice of adoption of technical criteria from an American National Standards Institute (“ANSI”) accredited standards developer, the Telecommunications Industry Association (“TIA”). The criteria, entitled, “*Telecommunications – Telephone Terminal Equipment – Technical Requirements for Connection of Terminal Equipment to the Telephone Network, TIA-968-A, October 2002*” is a revision of ACTA-adopted TIA/EIA/IS-968 and is intended to replace existing ACTA-adopted specifications TIA/EIA/IS-968 and TIA/EIA/IS-883.

The ACTA has established a “sunset” date of July 15, 2004 for TIA/EIA/IS-968 and TIA/EIA/IS-883. This sunset date is intended to provide the industry with a transition period during which new terminal equipment or previously approved terminal equipment that is modified may be approved using either TIA/EIA/IS-968 and TIA/EIA/IS-883 *or* TIA-968-A, at the discretion of the Responsible Party. After July 15, 2004, new terminal equipment and previously approved terminal equipment that is modified may no longer be approved using TIA/EIA/IS-968 and TIA/EIA/IS-883.

The newly adopted specification and further information about the ACTA can be obtained from the ACTA web site at <http://www.part68.org>.

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