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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

***2016 Responsible Party Code (RPC) Data Validation Program: Including New Stabilized Maintenance Option***

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**Washington, D.C.** – Effective November 2, 2015, the Administrative Council for Terminal Attachments (ACTA) announces that the Responsible Parties may now validate their Responsible Party Code (RPC) data for the 2015 calendar year. The established fee for RPC Data Validation is \$125.00. A discounted rate of \$95.00 will be in affect from November 1, 2015 through January 31, 2016. 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.

Additionally, the ACTA announces that Responsible Parties may now 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 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 4.0](#). The fee for Stabilized Maintenance classification is \$295.00. This submission cannot be processed via 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 prevents 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](mailto:acta@atis.org), or by phone at +1.202.628.6380

### **About ACTA**

The ACTA is an open organization established to: (1) adopt technical criteria and to act as the clearing-house, publishing technical criteria for terminal equipment developed by ANSI-accredited standards development organizations; and (2) establish and maintain a registration database 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 TTE equipment to the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN), visit: [www.part68.org](http://www.part68.org).