

The ACTA WG on FCC/ACTA Submission Guidelines was created in 2011 to exam a number of issues. The first set of questions reviewed by the WG resulted in modifications made to the submission guidelines which went into effect in December, 2011.

The WG met in February 2012 to review its final question of the implementation of a proposed “Manufacture Permanently Discontinued Date.” For reference, this issue arose from a number of questions received by the Secretariat regarding the RPC Data Validation Program. Responsible Parties have contacted the Secretariat to inquire as to whether or not they need to validate their RPC Data if their company was no longer producing the product.

The WG reviewed a number of different proposals on this issue.

In the end, the WG is recommending that no changes are made to the current RPC Data Validation policy. Additionally, the WG is recommending that if the Secretariat receives questions regarding how long a RP needs to validate their data, it should respond with “until the company is no longer in business or there is a transfer of control to a successor entity that becomes the RP.”

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Currently the WG does not have any additional items to review, and the ACTA General Council is being asked to review the status of this WG.