

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL FOR TERMINAL ATTACHMENTS (ACTA)

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### ABSTRACT

Should the ACTA add more specific user instructions for Type Z ringers, requiring the manufacturer to include the statement from TIA-968-A Section 4.7.7 to their information to the user?

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We have been presented a Type Z ringer device for TCB certification. The user requirements as specified by ACTA no longer state that the manufacturer must notify the telephone company before connection. Rather, the ACTA instructions note that if the product causes harm, the user may be contacted. This contradicts the statement in TIA-968-A, as noted below:

*Section 4.7.7 "...Any equipment approved with the type Z designation may only be used with the consent of the local telephone company, provided that the local telephone company does not discriminate in its treatment of equipment bearing the type Z designation."*

It would appear that this information should be supplied to the consumer; however, the user manual requirements do not address this at all. Should the ACTA add more specific user instructions for Type Z ringers, requiring the manufacturer to include this statement to their information to the user?

The full text of Section 4.7.7 of TIA-968-A is given below

#### **4.7.7 Type Z Ringers**

*Equipment that has on-hook impedance characteristics that do not conform to the requirements of this section may be conditionally approved, notwithstanding the requirements of this section and provided that it is labeled with a Ringing Type designation "Z". It should be noted that approval of equipment bearing the designation "Z" does not necessarily confer any right of connection to the telephone network under these criteria. Any equipment approved with the type Z designation may only be used with the consent of the local telephone company, provided that the local telephone company does not discriminate in its treatment of equipment bearing the type Z designation.*