

PREFACE for
ACTA Technical Criteria

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Recommendation:

That ACTA adopt the proposed “Preface” language for all “technical criteria” adopted by ACTA. This language should be inserted on the page immediately following a specification’s cover page.

Background:

Pursuant to the FCC Report and Order (CC Docket No. 99-216, FCC 00-400), paragraphs 77 and 115, ACTA was given the responsibility to publish (1) technical criteria for terminal equipment approval (identical FCC Part 68 criteria), (2) specifications to address streamlined waivers for Stutter Dial Tone and ADSL, and (3) product labeling requirements. ACTA must also accept additional submissions of proposed technical criteria, provided it comes for an ANSI accredited SDO or committee.

Given ACTA’s responsibility to publish its ‘technical criteria’, language that speaks to ACTA’s limited liability for the specification(s) it must adopt under the Report & Order (i.e., Notice of Disclaimer and Limitation of Liability) needs to be established. Accordingly, a ‘*Preface*’ for all technical criteria adopted by ACTA must be implemented.

The language provided with this proposal is considered “example” text. Modifications should be made where appropriate to reference the relevant specification.

PREFACE

This document, "IS-968, Telecommunications - Telephone Terminal Equipment - Technical Requirements for Connection of Terminal Equipment to the Telephone Network" has been established pursuant to the Federal Communication Commission's ("FCC") Report and Order in the 2000 Biennial Review of Part 68 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, CC Docket No. 99-216, FCC 00-400, adopted November 9, 2000 and released December 21, 2000 ("Order" or "R&O"). The Order privatized the process by which technical criteria for the prevention of harm are established for customer premises or terminal equipment that may be sold for connection to the telephone network, and for the approval of such equipment to demonstrate compliance with the relevant technical criteria. The Order directed the industry to establish the Administrative Council on Terminal Attachments ("ACTA") as the open body that would assume the Commission's Part 68 role for those items privatized in the Order. (Section 68.602) This standard was created for submission to ACTA by the TIA Working Group TR-41.9.1 of Subcommittee TR-41.9, Technical Regulatory Considerations. It is intended to fulfill the FCC's requirement to reproduce technical criteria identical to the existing criteria in Part 68 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations at the time the Report & Order was issued.

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