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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 21 October 2024, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the <u>United States of America</u>.

Title: Wireless Microphones in the TV Bands, 600 MHz Guard Band, 600 MHz Duplex Gap, and the 941.5-944 MHz, 944-952 MHz, 952.850-956.250 MHz, 956.45-959.85 MHz, 1435-1525 MHz, 6875-6900 MHz and 7100-7125 MHz Bands

Reason for Addendum:	
[]	Comment period changed - date:
[]	Notified measure adopted - date:
[X]	Notified measure published - date: 18 October 2024
[X]	Notified measure enters into force - date: 18 November 2024
[X]	Text of final measure available from ¹ :
	https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/USA/final_measure/24_07017_00_e.pdf
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[]	Notified measure withdrawn or revoked - date:
	Relevant symbol if measure re-notified:
[]	Content or scope of notified measure changed and text available from 1:
	New deadline for comments (if applicable):
[]	Interpretive guidance issued and text available from ¹ :
[]	Other:

Description: In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) revises the technical rules for low-power auxiliary station (LPAS) devices to permit a recently developed type of wireless microphone system, termed herein as a Wireless Multichannel Audio System (WMAS), to operate in the broadcast television (TV) bands and other LPAS frequency bands on a licensed basis. The Commission adopts technical rules for licensed WMAS operations in specific frequency bands under our LPAS rules and also permits WMAS to operate on an unlicensed basis under the rules in the TV bands and 600 MHz duplex gap. The Commission updates its existing LPAS and technical rules for wireless microphones, which already rely on certain European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI) standards, to incorporate the latest version of that standard where

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appropriate. Finally, the Commission updates the wireless microphone rules to reflect the end of the post-Incentive Auction transition period. The Commission's goal in the FCC document is to increase wireless microphone spectral efficiency and enable more intensive use in the spectrum available for such operations.

This rule is effective 18 November 2024. The incorporation by reference of certain material listed in this rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of 18 November 2024.

89 Federal Register (FR) 83789, 18 October 2024; <u>Title 47</u> Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 15 and 74:

https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-10-18/html/2024-23959.htm

https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-10-18/pdf/2024-23959.pdf

https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-24-22A1.pdf

This final rule is identified by <u>ET Docket No. 21-115</u> and <u>RM-11821</u>; <u>FCC 24-22</u> and provides access to associated documents. The full text of the proposed rule is available from the Commission's website at https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-24-22A1.pdf. Documents are also accessible from the FCC's <u>Electronic Document Management System (EDOCS)</u> by searching the Docket Number. Comments ("filings") posted by the FCC in the <u>Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS)</u> are accessible as follows:

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