

**STATEMENT OF  
COMMISSIONER MIGNON L. CLYBURN**

Re: *Amendment of Parts 0, 1, 2, 15 and 18 of the Commission's Rules regarding Authorization of Radiofrequency Equipment*, ET Docket No. 15-170

In 1998, we saw the first MP3 players hit the U.S. marketplace – it was also the last time the Commission conducted a comprehensive review of our equipment authorization procedures. To say that technology has advanced significantly since then would be a great understatement.

In today's *Order*, we make substantial progress in updating the Commission's equipment authorization rules by merging the two self-approval processes into one; allowing for electronic labeling, as required by the E-LABEL Act; revising our importation requirements, including eliminating the requirement to file Form 740 with Customs and Border Protection; and increasing the Commission's ability to keep pace with advancements in technology. With these changes, we acknowledge the tremendous technological innovations made in nearly two decades, and usher the Commission's equipment authorization program into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Thank you Julie Knapp and the staff of the Office of Engineering and Technology for your ongoing efforts to modernize our equipment authorization procedures.