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Office of Engineering and Technology to Begin Issuing Five-Character Grantee Codes for Certified Radiofrequency Equipment

The Commission operates an equipment authorization program for radiofrequency (RF) devices under 47 C.F.R. Part 2 Subpart J. The equipment authorization program is a key component of FCC's spectrum and policy agenda. It encourages innovation in equipment design, ensures efficient use of the radio spectrum, and ensures that RF devices comply with the Commission's rules.

RF devices that are subject to the equipment authorization program's certification procedure must be labeled with an FCC identifier (FCC ID) that is unique to the device. The FCC ID currently consists of a three-character Commission-issued code identifying the grantee of the certification (grantee code) and a one- to fourteen-character product code selected by the grantee. On June 13, 2012, the Commission adopted an *Order*, 27 FCC Rcd 6565 (2012), to modify Sections 2.925 and 2.926 of the rules to permit the use of five-digit grantee codes, thus greatly increasing the supply of available codes

On May 1, 2013, the Office of Engineering and Technology will begin issuing five-character grantee codes. The five-character codes will consist of an Arabic numeral between two and nine followed by four alphanumeric characters (capital letters or Arabic numerals between two and nine). Thus, the FCC ID for products with a five-character grantee code may be up to nineteen characters long if the grantee chooses to use fourteen characters for its product code.

Applicants for equipment authorizations may continue to use three-character grantee codes that have previously been issued and paid for. The FCC ID for products with a three-character grantee code may be up to seventeen characters when a fourteen-character product code is used.

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