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Subject: Section 718 Accessible Internet Browsers on Mobile Phones

On April 29, 2013, the FCC released a Report and Order to implement section 718 and part of section 716 of the Communications Act. Both of these sections were added to the Communications Act by the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (CVAA).

The Report and Order does the following:

- Section 718: Requires Internet browsers installed on mobile phones to be accessible to and usable by individuals who are blind or have a visual impairment, unless doing so is not achievable. This requirement applies when Internet browsers are used for any purpose.
- Section 716: Requires Internet browsers installed on equipment used for advanced communications services, such as computers, laptops, and tablets used for e-mail, to be accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, unless doing so is not achievable. This requirement applies when Internet browsers are used for advanced communications services.

These requirements apply to Internet browsers installed on mobile phones and equipment used for advanced communications services that are manufactured on or after October 8, 2013.

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Links to the Report and Order:

http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-13-57A1.pdf (PDF)
http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-13-57A1.doc (Word)
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