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Subject: FCC Extends Waiver of Advanced Communications Accessibility Rules for Basic E-Readers

FCC rules implementing the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (CVAA) require equipment used for advanced communications services (ACS) to be accessible to individuals with disabilities. The FCC may waive these ACS accessibility requirements for devices that are capable of accessing ACS, but are designed primarily for purposes other than using ACS.

On January 28, 2015, the FCC's Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau extended the waiver it granted in 2014 for basic e-readers for **one year – until January 28, 2016**. Basic e-readers that qualify for the waiver are designed primarily for the purpose of reading text-based digital works, such as books, and **must** meet each of the following requirements:

- The device has no LCD screen, but rather utilizes a screen that is designed to optimize reading.
- The device has no camera.
- The device is not offered or shipped to consumers with built-in ACS client applications and the device manufacturer does not develop ACS applications for its respective device, but the device may be offered or shipped to consumers with a browser and social media applications.
- The device is marketed to consumers as a reading device and promotional material about the device does not tout the capability to access ACS.

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Links to the Waiver Extension Order:

Word: https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-15-117A1.docx

PDF: https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-15-117A1.pdf

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