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**Office of Engineering and Technology and Common Carrier Bureau
Announce the Designation of Telecommunication Certification Bodies
(TCBs) to Approve Radiofrequency and Telephone Terminal Equipment**

In December 1998, the Commission adopted new rules to streamline its equipment authorization requirements by allowing Telecommunication Certification Bodies (TCBs) to certify equipment under Parts 2 and 68 of the Commission's Rules. The Office of Engineering and Technology and the Common Carrier Bureau are pleased to announce the designation of 13 TCBs in the United States. The TCBs have been accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) to approve certain types of radiofrequency devices requiring certification under Part 2 of the rules, and/or telephone terminal equipment requiring certification (previously called registration) under Part 68 of the rules. The TCBs may begin operation of certifying products within the scope of their accreditation and designation as of June 5, 2000.

The following is a list of the 13 TCBs and the types of equipment they have been accredited and designated to approve. An explanation of the scope codes is given below.

TCB Name and Address	Types of Equipment
American TCB, Inc. 6731 Whittier Avenue Suite C110 McLean, VA 22101 Tel: 703-689-0368 Fax: 703-689-2056 Contact: Mr. Desmond Fraser - desmond@rheintech.com	Unlicensed Radio Frequency Devices A1, A2, A3, A4 Licensed Radio Service Equipment B1, B2, B3, B4
BABT Product Service, Inc. 4855 Patrick Henry Dr, Bldg. 6 Santa Clara, CA 95054 Tel: 978-663-1500 Fax: 978-663-1501 Contact: Mr. Bill Toth - btoth@tuvam.com	Unlicensed Radio Frequency Devices A1, A2, A3, A4 Licensed Radio Service Equipment B1, B2, B3, B4 Telephone Terminal Equipment

CKC Certification Services

5473A Clouds Rest
Mariposa, CA 95338
Tel: 209-966-5240
Fax: 209-742-6133
Contact: Dennis Ward – dennisw@ckc.org

Compliance Certification Services

1366 Bordeaux Drive,
Sunnyvale, CA 94089-1005
Tel: 408-752-8166
Fax: 408-752-8168
Contact: Mr. Steve Hsu – www.ccsemc.com

Communication Certification Laboratory

1940 W. Alexander St.
Salt Lake City, UT 84119-2039
Tel: 801-972-6146
Fax: 801-972-8432
Contact: Mr. William S. Hurst – wsh@cclab.com

Curtis-Straus LLC

527 Great Road
Littleton, MA 01460
Tel: 978-486-8880
Fax: 978-486-3529
Contact: Jon Curtis – jdc@curtis-straus.com

Elite Electronic Engineering, Inc.

1516 Centre Circle
Downers Grove, IL 60515
Tel: 603-495-9770
Fax: 603-495-9785
Contact: Mr. Steve Laya - www.elitetest.com

Intertek Testing Services

33933 US Route 11
Cortland, NY 13045
Tel: 607-753-6711
Fax: 607-756-6699
Contact: Paul Moliski – pmoliski@itsqs.com

Unlicensed Radio Frequency Devices

A1, A2, A3, A4

Licensed Radio Service Equipment

B1, B2, B3, B4

Telephone Terminal Equipment

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A1, A2

Licensed Radio Service Equipment

B1, B2

Telephone Terminal Equipment

Unlicensed Radio Frequency Devices

A1, A2, A3, A4

Licensed Radio Service Equipment

B1, B2, B3, B4

Telephone Terminal Equipment

MET Laboratories, Inc.

914 W. Patapsco Ave.
Baltimore, MD 21230-3432
Tel: 410-354-3300
Fax: 410-354-3313
Contact: Mr. Leonard Frier - www.metlabs.com

Unlicensed Radio Frequency Devices
A1, A2
Licensed Radio Service Equipment
B1, B2, B3, B4
Telephone Terminal Equipment

PCTEST Engineering Laboratory, Inc.

6660-B Dobbin Road
Columbia, MD 21045
Tel: 410-290-6652
Fax: 410-290-6654
Contact: Mr. Randy Ortanez -- randy@pctestlab.com

Unlicensed Radio Frequency Devices
A1, A2, A3, A4
Licensed Radio Service Equipment
B1, B2, B3, B4
Telephone Terminal Equipment

Timco Engineering, Inc.

849 NW State Road 45
P.O. Box 370
Newberry, FL 32669
Tel: 352-472-5500
Fax: 352-472-2030
Contact: Sid Sanders -- sid@timcoengr.com

Unlicensed Radio Frequency Devices
A1, A2, A3, A4
Licensed Radio Service Equipment
B1, B2, B3, B4

TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc.

Product Safety Division
12 Commerce Road
Newtown, CT 06470
Tel: 203-426-0888
Fax: 203-270-8883
Contact: Mr. Timothy Dwyer - www.tuv.com

Telephone Terminal Equipment

Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.

333 Pfingsten Road
Northbrook, IL 60062
Telephone: 847-272-8800
Fax: 847-509-6214
Contact: Rick Titus -- titusr@ul.com

(Headquarters and contact point)

Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.

1285 Walt Whitman Road
Melville, NY

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Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.
1655 Scott Blvd.
Santa Clara, CA

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Telephone Terminal Equipment

The TCB program gives manufacturers of products subject to certification the choice to choose a designated TCB or the FCC to have its equipment approved for marketing in the United States. Currently, about 6000 applications for certification are filed annually with the FCC.

The requirements for TCBs were specified in the Commission's Report and Order (R&O) in GEN Docket 98-68 (FCC 98-338), adopted on December 17, 1998, <www.fcc.gov/oet/dockets/gen98-68/>. TCBs are required to be accredited by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), or NIST may allow, in accordance with its procedures, other appropriate qualified accrediting bodies to accredit TCBs. NIST has elected to recognize accreditations of TCBs performed by ANSI.

Additional information about the new TCB program was provided in a Public Notice dated August 17, 1999, DA99-1640, <www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Engineering_Technology/Public_Notices/1999/da99-1640.html>. NIST is also releasing a Public Notice announcing the recognition of ANSI as an accreditor of TCBs and the recommendation of 13 TCBs to the FCC.

Designation and accreditation is available for several different scopes of equipment subject to certification. TCBs are able to choose accreditation for any or all of the nine available scopes, depending on their needs. Each of the thirteen TCBs identified above have been accredited to one or more of the following scopes:

A. Unlicensed Radio Frequency Devices

- A1** Low power transmitters operating on frequencies below 1 GHz (with the exception of spread spectrum devices), emergency alert systems, unintentional radiators (e.g., personal computers and associated peripherals and TV Interface Devices) and consumer ISM devices subject to certification (e.g., microwave ovens, RF lighting and other consumer ISM devices)
- A2** Low power transmitters operating on frequencies above 1 GHz, with the exception of spread spectrum devices
- A3** Unlicensed Personal Communication System (PCS) devices
- A4** Unlicensed National Information Infrastructure (UNII) devices and low power transmitters using spread spectrum techniques

B. Licensed Radio Service Equipment

- B1** Personal Mobile Radio Services in 47 CFR Parts 22 (cellular), 24, 25, 26, and 27
- B2** General Mobile Radio Services in the following 47 CFR Parts 22 (non-cellular), 74, 90, 95 and 97
- B3** Maritime and Aviation Radio Services in 47 CFR Parts 80 and 87
- B4** Microwave Radio Services in 47 CFR Parts 21, 74 and 101

C. Telephone Terminal Equipment (47 CFR Part 68)

Designation letters will be sent to each of the thirteen TCBs today. The Office of Engineering and Technology will send a designation letter to each TCB that will be certifying equipment subject to scopes A and B. Each letter will give guidance on the certification of such equipment. In accordance with our policy stated in the August 17, 1999, Public Notice, we are restricting TCBs from approving equipment in scopes A and B for which there is no documented test procedure. At present, only certain transmitters fall within this category. A table delineating which transmitters a TCB can approve will accompany the letter to each TCB. Steps are being taken to eliminate this restriction.

For approval of equipment subject to scope C, TCBs are asked to contact Mr. Bill Howden of the Common Carrier Bureau. In letters from the Network Services Division of the Common Carrier Bureau, TCBs designated to approve Telephone Terminal Equipment will receive initial blocks of registration serial numbers for their use, instructions for obtaining applicant codes, and advice on obtaining information from the Network Services Division.

For further information about this notice, please contact Hugh L. Van Tuyl of the Office of Engineering and Technology at: (202) 418-7506, email: hvantuyl@fcc.gov, or Bill Howden of the Common Carrier Bureau at (202) 418-2343, email: whowden@fcc.gov, TTY: (202) 418-0484.