Federal Communications Commission.

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Final Rules

Parts 0, 1, 25, 43, 64, and 73 of Chapter I of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations are amended as follows:

PART 0—COMMISSION ORGANIZATION

1. Section 0.5 is amended by revising paragraph (a)(13) to read as follows:

§ 0.5 General description of Commission organization and operations.

(a) * * *

(13) International Bureau.

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§ 0.11 [Amended]

2. Section 0.11 is amended by removing paragraph (a)(11).

§ 0.21 [Amended]

- 3. Section 0.21 is amended by removing the words "domestic" and "interagency" from paragraph (h), removing paragraph (i), and redesignating existing paragraph (j) as new paragraph (i).
- 4. Section 0.31 is amended by removing the last six words of paragraph (f) and revising paragraph (b) to read as follows:

§ 0.31 Functions of the Office.

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- (b) Represent the Commission at various national conferences and meetings (and, in consultation with the International Bureau, at various international conferences and meetings) devoted to the progress of communications and the development of technical and other information and standards, and serve as Commission coordinator for the various national conferences when appropriate.
- 5. Section 0.41 is amended by removing paragraph (c); redesignating existing paragraphs (d) through (p) as new paragraphs (c) through (o), respectively; and revising newly redesignated paragraph (i) to read as follows:

§ 0.41 Functions of the Office.

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(i) To cooperate with the International Bureau on all matters pertaining to space satellite communications.

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6. The heading "Office of International Communications," which appears immediately before § 0.51, is

revised to read as follows: "International Bureau."

7. Section 0.51 is revised to read as follows:

§ 0.51 Functions of the Bureau.

The International Bureau has the following duties and responsibilities:

- (a) To initiate and direct the development and articulation of international telecommunications policies, consistent with the priorities of the Commission;
- (b) To advise the Chairman and Commissioners on matters of international telecommunications policy, and on the adequacy of the Commission's actions to promote the vital interests of the American public in international commerce, national defense, and foreign policy;
- (c) To develop, recommend, and administer policies, rules, standards, and procedures for the authorization and regulation of international telecommunications facilities and services, domestic and international satellite systems, and international broadcast services;
- (d) To monitor compliance with the terms and conditions of authorizations and licenses granted by the Bureau, and to pursue enforcement actions in conjunction with appropriate bureaus and offices;
- (e) To represent the Commission on international telecommunications matters at both domestic and international conferences and meetings, and to direct and coordinate the Commission's preparation for such conferences and meetings;
- (f) To serve as the single focal point within the Commission for cooperation and consultation on international telecommunications matters with other federal agencies, international or foreign organizations, and appropriate regulatory bodies and officials of foreign governments;
- (g) To develop, coordinate with other federal agencies, and administer the regulatory assistance and training programs for foreign administrations to promote telecommunications development;
- (h) To provide advice and technical assistance to U.S. trade officials in the negotiation and implementation of telecommunications trade agreements, and consult with other bureaus and offices as appropriate;
- (i) To conduct economic, legal, technical, statistical, and other appropriate studies, surveys, and analyses in support of international telecommunications policies and programs.

- (j) To collect and disseminate within the Commission information and data on international telecommunications policies, regulatory and market developments in other countries, and international organizations;
- (k) To work with the Office of Legislative Affairs to coordinate the Commission's activities on significant matters of international policy with appropriate Congressional offices;
- (l) To promote the international coordination of spectrum allocations and frequency and orbital assignments so as to minimize cases of international radio interference involving U.S. licensees;
- (m) To direct and coordinate, in consultation with other bureaus and offices as appropriate, negotiation of international agreements to provide for arrangements and procedures for coordination of radio frequency assignments to prevent or resolve international radio interference involving U.S. licensees;
- (n) To ensure fulfillment of the Commission's responsibilities under international agreements and treaty obligations, and, consistent with Commission policy, to ensure that the Commission's regulations, procedures, and frequency allocations comply with the mandatory requirements of all applicable international and bilateral agreements;
- (o) To oversee and, as appropriate, administer activities pertaining to the international consultation, coordination, and notification of U.S. frequency and orbital assignments, including activities required by bilateral agreements, the international Radio Regulations, and other international agreements;
- (p) To advise the Chairman on priorities for international travel and develop, coordinate, and administer the international travel plan; and
- (q) To develop, recommend, and administer policies; rules, and regulations implementing the Commission's oversight responsibilities regarding COMSAT's participation in INTELSAT and INMARSAT.

§ 0.61 [Amended]

8. Section 0.61 is amended by removing paragraph (b) and redesignating paragraphs (c) through (h) as new paragraphs (b) through (g), respectively.

9. Section 0.91 is amended by revising the first two sentences of introductory

text to read as follows:

§ 0.91 Functions of the Bureau.

The Common Carrier Bureau develops, recommends, and administers policies and programs for the regulation