

that fewer than 184 small entities will be impacted by the reallocation.

Maritime Service. The Commission noted that there are four public coast stations and four private coast stations licensees that operate in the bands being reallocated, and it is estimated that almost all of them qualify as small under the SBA size standard.

International Broadcast Stations. The transmissions of international broadcast stations are intended to be received directly by the general public in foreign countries.¹³ There are 24 international broadcast licensees, and the Commission estimated that almost all of them qualify as small under the SBA size standards.

Private Land Mobile Radio Services. The Commission has not adopted a special small business size standard for private land mobile radio service licensees.¹⁴ Therefore the size standards and census data small business breakouts are utilized. This means that such entities are considered small if they employ no more than 1,500 persons. There are 4 Industrial/Business Pool licensees and 2 radiolocation licensees in the AM Expanded Band, and the Commission believed that none of them qualify as small under the SBA size standards.

One significant alternative that the Commission considered was whether or not to allow the few high frequency broadcast ("HFBC") stations, many of which are non-profit, a longer time to

transition from outdated equipment. This transition relief will be necessary in instances in which equipment cannot maintain the stringent tolerance required by the amended rule. This Commission determined to grandfather existing international broadcast stations at their current frequency tolerance.¹⁵ This will assist such non-profits, including small entities, by providing relief from the rule as revised. Also, with regard to small entities and others operating in the AM Expanded Band, Commission staff will work with affected licensees to help them find suitable alternative channels if the licensee desires.¹⁶ No fee will be charged to licensees of affected stations that apply for modification for alternative channels before the end of their license term.

The Commission will send a copy of this Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, along with this Report and Order, in a report to be sent to Congress pursuant to the Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A). In addition, the Commission will send a copy of this Report and Order, including this FRFA, to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

List of Subjects

47 CFR Parts 2, 73, 74, 90, 97

Radio.

47 CFR Part 80

Alaska, Radio.

Federal Communications Commission.

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Rule Changes

■ For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission amends 47 CFR parts 2, 73, 74, 80, 90, and 97 as follows:

PART 2—FREQUENCY ALLOCATIONS AND RADIO TREATY MATTERS; GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 2 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 302a, 303, and 336, unless otherwise noted.

■ 2. Amend § 2.106 as follows:

■ a. Revise pages 1 through 21 of the Table.

■ b. In the list of International Footnotes in the Old Numbering Scheme, remove footnotes 459, 471, 472, 472A, 474, and 480.

■ c. In the list of United States Footnotes, revise footnotes US18, US25, US82, US104, US225, US231, US238, US281, US282, US283, US298, US321, US340, and US342. Remove footnotes US235 and US236. Add footnotes US364, US366, and US367.

The additions and revisions read as follows:

§ 2.106 Table of Frequency Allocations.

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¹³ See 47 CFR 73.701.

¹⁴ The service is defined in part 90 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 90.

¹⁵ See Report and Order ¶ 15.

¹⁶ See Report and Order ¶ 19.