

System (NAICS) Code 33422. Census Bureau data indicate that there are 858 companies in the United States that manufacture radio and television broadcasting and communications equipment, and that 778 of these firms have fewer than 750 employees and would be classified as small entities.

8. We anticipate that these rule changes will not impose any new burdens on small entities, but in fact will reduce regulatory and procedural burdens on small entities. For example, the incorporation by reference into our rules of updated technical requirements for maritime radio equipment, *i.e.*, modified International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) standards, can be expected to ultimately reduce compliance costs for ship owners and manufacturers because it avoids inconsistency between domestic and international requirements, providing internationally recognized criteria and test procedures for certification of GMDSS equipment. Moreover, to mitigate any potential compliance burden on manufacturers and ship owners that could stem from a sudden change in the standards, we established grandfathering provisions that allow the installation of equipment meeting the old standards for a significant period of time after the effective date of these rules. More broadly speaking, the general effect of the rule changes adopted herein is to streamline the rules, remove duplicative requirements, provide greater operational flexibility, promote spectrum efficiency, and make our rules consistent with international requirements, all of which are measures that should have an overall beneficial effect on the regulated entities. We certified in the NPRM in this proceeding that the rules proposed therein will not, if promulgated, have a significant economic impact upon a substantial number of small entities, as that term is defined by the RFA, and no party has challenged or otherwise commented on that certification.

9. We therefore certify that the requirements of this Report and Order will not have a significant economic impact upon a substantial number of small entities, as that term is defined by the RFA.

10. The Commission will send a copy of this Report and Order, including a copy of this final certification, in a report to Congress pursuant to the Congressional Review Act. In addition, the Report and Order and this final certification will be sent to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration, and will be published in the **Federal Register**.

11. To fully ensure that potential compliance burdens on small entities are fully explored, however, we have determined not to act immediately on certain proposals set forth in the NPRM or raised by commenters, but instead to seek further comment on those proposals. These matters are discussed in the Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making.

II. Ordering Clauses

12. The Commission's Consumer Information Bureau, Reference Information Center, shall send a copy of this *Report and Order* including the Regulatory Flexibility Certification to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

List of Subjects

47 CFR Parts 2 and 13

Radio.

47 CFR Part 80

Communications equipment, Incorporation by reference, Marine safety, Radio, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,
Secretary.

Rule Changes

■ For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission amends 47 CFR Parts 2, 13 and 80 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. Section 2.106 is amended by revising footnote US296 to read as follows:

§ 2.106 Table of Frequency Allocations.

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US296 In the bands designated for ship wide-band telegraphy, facsimile and special transmission systems, the following assignable frequencies are available to non-Federal Government stations on a shared basis with Federal Government stations: 2070.5 kHz, 2072.5 kHz, 2074.5 kHz, 2076.5 kHz, 4154 kHz, 4170 kHz, 6235 kHz, 6259 kHz, 8302 kHz, 8338 kHz, 12370 kHz, 12418 kHz, 16551 kHz, 16615 kHz, 18848 kHz, 18868 kHz, 22182 kHz, 22238 kHz, 25123 kHz, and 25159 kHz.

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PART 13—COMMERCIAL RADIO OPERATORS

■ 3. The authority citation for part 13 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Secs. 4, 303, 48 Stat. 1066, 1082, as amended; 47 U.S.C. 154, 303.

■ 4. Section 13.7 is amended by revising paragraph (b) introductory text, redesignating paragraph (b)(9) as (b)(10), and adding a new paragraph (b)(9) to read as follows:

§ 13.7 Classification of operator licenses and endorsements.

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(b) There are ten types of commercial radio operator licenses, certificates and permits (licenses). The license's ITU classification, if different from its name, is given in parentheses.

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(9) Restricted GMDSS Radio Operator's License (restricted operator's certificate).

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■ 5. Section 13.9 is amended by revising paragraphs (b)(1) and (c) to read as follows:

§ 13.9 Eligibility and application for new license or endorsement.

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(b)(1) Each application for a new General Radiotelephone Operator License, Marine Radio Operator Permit, First Class Radiotelegraph Operator's Certificate, Second Class Radiotelegraph Operator's Certificate, Third Class Radiotelegraph Operator's Certificate, Ship Radar Endorsement, Six Months Service Endorsement, GMDSS Radio Operator's License, Restricted GMDSS Radio Operator's License, GMDSS Radio Maintainer's License and GMDSS Radio Operator/Maintainer License must be filed on FCC Form 605 in accordance with § 1.913 of this chapter.

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(c) Each application for a new General Radiotelephone Operator License, Marine Radio Operator Permit, First Class Radiotelegraph Operator's Certificate, Second Class Radiotelegraph Operator's Certificate, Third Class Radiotelegraph Operator's Certificate, Ship Radar Endorsement, GMDSS Radio Operator's License, Restricted GMDSS Radio Operator's License, GMDSS Radio Maintainer's License, or GMDSS Radio Operator/Maintainer License must be accompanied by the required fee, if any, and submitted in accordance with § 1.913 of this chapter. The application must include an original PPC(s) from a COLEM(s) showing that the applicant has passed the necessary examination