NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 16 October 2023, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States of America.

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**Title:** Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Conditionally Waives Certain Aspects of the Wireless Hearing Aid Compatibility Volume Control Testing Standard

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**Description:** The [Wireless Telecommunications Bureau](https://www.fcc.gov/wireless/wireless-telecommunications-bureau) (Bureau) of the [Federal Communications Commission](https://www.fcc.gov/about-fcc/what-we-do) (FCC, or Commission) recently granted a limited waiver of the Commission's [wireless hearing aid compatibility rules](https://www.fcc.gov/hearing-aid-compatibility-wireless-telephones) with respect to the volume control technical standard that handset manufacturers use in part to certify handsets as hearing aid-compatible under the [2019 ANSI Standard](https://webstore.ansi.org/standards/ieee/ieeeansic63192019). The Bureau took this step in response to a petition filed by the [Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions](https://www.atis.org/about/) (ATIS) seeking waiver of certain aspects of these rules. By conditionally granting the waiver request, the Bureau ensures that handset manufacturers can continue to release new hearing aid-compatible handset models while a new volume control standard is developed that the Commission can adopt into its wireless hearing aid compatibility rules.

DATES: The waiver is effective as of 29 September 2023.

This order is identified by WT Docket No. 20-3, DA 23-914. The Docket Folder is available on the FCC's website at <https://www.fcc.gov/edocs/search-results?t=quick&fccdaNo=23-914&dockets=20-3> and provides access to associated documents . Documents are also accessible from the FCC's Electronic Document Management System (EDOCS) by searching the Docket Number.

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1. This information can be provided by including a website address, a pdf attachment, or other information on where the text of the final/modified measure and/or interpretive guidance can be obtained. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)