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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 29 August 2025, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States of America.

Title: Expediting Initial Processing of Satellite and Earth Station Applications

Reason for Addendum:	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Notified measure published - date: 27 August 2025
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Notified measure enters into force - date: 26 September 2025
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Description: In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission or we) adopts a Second Report and Order with variety measures to expedite space and earth station approvals, including by eliminating the requirement to file certain license modification applications and eliminating outdated rules. In particular, the Second Report and Order provides regulatory certainty for, and eliminates burdens on, the nascent Ground-Station-as-a-Service industry, where a neutral host establishes connectivity to multiple satellite systems in space. As licensing activity before the Commission increases in complexity and number, concrete measures to expedite earth and space station applications will support U.S. leadership in the growing space economy. Accordingly, adoption of these concrete measures to expedite the processing of applications for

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authority to operate space and earth stations under part 25 of the Commission's rules would be vital to supporting U.S. leadership in the growing space economy.

These rules are effective 26 September 2025, except for the amendments to Sec. 25.110(e) (amendatory instruction 4), 25.117(i) (amendatory instruction 6), 25.118(a)(3), 25.118(b)(1), (2), and (3), and (e)(4), and (h) (amendatory instruction 8), and 25.137(h) (amendatory instruction 10), which are indefinitely delayed. The Commission will publish a document in the Federal Register announcing the effective date of these rule sections.

90 Federal Register (FR) 41790, 27 August 2025; [Title 47](#) Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts [1](#) and [25](#):

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-08-27/html/2025-16375.htm>

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-08-27/pdf/2025-16375.pdf>

<https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-25-48A1.pdf>

FCC Streamlines Space Processes, Boosts Innovation: <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-streamlines-space-processes-boosts-innovation-0>

Documents from the FCC associated with this final rule are identified by IB Docket Nos. [22-411](#), [22-271](#); [FCC 25-48](#) and are accessible through the FCC's [Electronic Document Management System \(EDOCS\)](#) by searching the IB Docket Number(s). The full text of the final rule is available from the Commission's website at <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-25-48A1.pdf>. Comments ("filings") for this action are accessible in the [Electronic Comment Filing System \(ECFS\)](#) at [https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/search-filings/results?q=\(proceedings.name:\(%2222-411*%22\)\)](https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/search-filings/results?q=(proceedings.name:(%2222-411*%22))).
