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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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### NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Federal Communications Commission (FCC) [2282]
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], 3.2 [ ], 7.2 [ ], Other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS codes or national tariff lines. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Broadband and mobile services, wireless telecommunication; Telecommunication systems (ICS code(s): 33.040); Radiocommunications (ICS code(s): 33.060); Mobile services (ICS code(s): 33.070)
<b>5. Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages and languages, means of access):</b> Facilitating More Intensive Use of Upper Microwave Spectrum; (12 page(s), in English)  <b>Link to notified document(s) and/or contact details for agency or authority which can provide copies upon request:</b>  <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/USA/25_08716_01_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/USA/25_08716_01_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/USA/25_08716_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/USA/25_08716_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Proposed rule - In this document, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission") seeks comment on a variety of measures aimed at facilitating more intensive use of spectrum in the 24 GHz, 28 GHz, upper 37 GHz, 39 GHz, 47 GHz, and 50 GHz bands (together, the UMFUS bands). These bands are shared between the terrestrial Upper Microwave Flexible Use Service (UMFUS) and the Fixed-Satellite Service (FSS) pursuant to the Commission's rules. When the Commission created this framework in 2016, it assumed that UMFUS rules would be used intensively as a part of terrestrial 5G networks, that earth station deployment in the bands would be relatively light, and that the technical rules adopted were necessary to protect terrestrial UMFUS operations but not too onerous to chill FSS earth station siting. Since that time, it has become more clear how the bands are being used for terrestrial service and how growth in the space economy has increased interest in using the UMFUS bands for FSS. Given these shifts, the requirements contained in the Commission's rules have proven to be an impediment to processing earth station applications in the bands. Accordingly, the NPRM would seek input on a variety of mechanisms that might facilitate more intensive use of the UMFUS bands and improve licensing efficiency.
<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Cost saving and productivity enhancement

**8. Relevant documents:**

90 Federal Register (FR) 55702, 3 December 2025; [Title 47 Code of Federal Regulations \(CFR\) Part 25](#):

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-12-03/html/2025-21805.htm>

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<https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-25-70A1.pdf>

This proposed rule is identified by [SB Docket No. 25-305](#), [FCC 25-70](#) and provides access to associated documents. The full text of the proposed rule is available from the Commission's website at <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-25-70A1.pdf>. Documents are also accessible from the FCC's [Electronic Document Management System \(EDOCS\)](#) by searching the Docket Number.

**9. Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined

**Proposed date of entry into force:** To be determined

**10. Provision of comments**

**Final date for comments:** 2 February 2026

**[ ] 60 days from notification**

Comments are due on or before 2 January 2026; reply comments are due on or before [4pm Eastern Time](#) 2 February 2026. WTO Members and their stakeholders are asked to submit comments to the [USA TBT Enquiry Point](#) by or before [4pm Eastern Time](#) on 2 February 2026. Comments received from WTO Members and their stakeholders will be shared with FCC and will also be submitted to the FCC's [Electronic Comment Filing System \(ECFS\)](#) if received within the comment period. Comments will be accessible at [https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/search-filings/results?q=\(proceedings.name:\(%2225-305%22\)\)](https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/search-filings/results?q=(proceedings.name:(%2225-305%22))).

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