

RE: Equipment Authorization and Electronic Labeling for Wireless Devices, ET Docket No. 15-170; RM-11673

I am writing to request that this regulation contain specific notice that it does not alter or diminish the ability of persons and groups in the Amateur Radio Service, licensed in accordance with Part 97, to design, construct, and modify equipment used in the frequency bands allotted to that service.

The provisions regarding the ability to modify software and firmware in devices could prevent licensees from doing so to allow devices, such as wireless network routers for other uses. These include networking protocols such as "Broadband Hamnet" or High-Speed Multi-Media Mesh networks.

The modified, Amateur Radio Service specific, network systems allow for local networks, usually with off-grid or back up power. Like other Amateur Radio Service activities, these networks may be used for emergency communication and public service support.

Please ensure that this proceeding does not result in unintended impact to licensed radio service, including the Amateur Radio Service.

Thank you,

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