

No matter which mechanisms the Commission puts into place as a result of this proceeding, it should require fully tested and verified (by the FCC's engineering staff or an independent 3rd party) passage (and proper display if a display is incorporated in the device) of closed captioning data on each and every interface the consumer equipment employs.

In addition, proper passage of program-related ancillary audio intended for use by people with disabilities must be fully tested and assured before such devices are allowed to be distributed for sale in the United States.

Finally, development plans must be filed with the FCC that indicated how and when the device manufacturer intends to make their device accessible to people who are blind or visually impaired, including access to all command and control features as well as electronic program guides delivered to the user of such devices.