



Guide to Telecom Rules

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

TITLE 47 – Telecommunications

PART 8 –Preserving the Open Internet

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Significant Actions Affecting 47 C.F.R. Part 8

12/23/10 – The Commission adopted rules to preserve the Internet as an open platform for innovation, investment, job creation, economic growth, competition, and free expression. To provide greater clarity and certainty regarding the continued freedom and openness of the Internet, it adopted three basic principles that are grounded in broadly accepted Internet norms, as well as in prior FCC decisions: transparency, no blocking and no unreasonable discrimination. These rules, applied with the complementary principle of reasonable network management, will empower and protect consumers and innovators while helping ensure that the Internet continues to flourish, with robust private investment and rapid innovation at both the core and the edge of the network. This is consistent with the National Broadband Plan goal of broadband access that is ubiquitous and fast, promoting the global competitiveness of the U.S. Preserving the Open Internet, GN Docket No. 09-191; Broadband Industry Practices WC Docket No. 07-52; [Report and Order](#), 25 FCC Rcd 17905 (2010) Effective 11/20/11.

03/12/15 – The Commission took action which it said puts into place strong, sustainable rules, grounded in multiple sources of its legal authority, to ensure that Americans reap the economic, social, and civic benefits of an open Internet today and into the future. Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet. GN Docket No. 14-28, [Report and Order on Remand, Declaratory Ruling and Order](#), 30 FCC Rcd 5601 (2015). Effective June 12, 2015.

01/04/18 - The Commission reclassified broadband internet access service as an information service; reinstated the private mobile service classification of mobile BIAS and returned to the Commission's definition of "interconnected service" that existed prior to 2015; returned to the transparency rule adopted in 2014 with certain modifications; eliminated certain reporting requirements adopted in the 2015 Title II Order; and eliminated the Commission's conduct rules. The Order amended § 8.1 and removed and deleted in their entirety §§ 8.2, 8.3, 8.5, 8.7, 8.9, 8.11, 8.12, 8.13, 8.14, 8.15, 8.16, 8.17, 8.18, and 8.19. Restoring Internet Freedom, WC Docket No. 17-108, [Declaratory Ruling, Report and Order and Order](#), 33 FCC Rcd 311 (2018). Effective 06/11/18. [FR notice](#)

Chronologies

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