

TCB COUNCIL MEETING QUESTIONS OF 7-29-02 - RADAR DETECTOR  
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Effective dates of this rulemaking.

Answer: The rules become effective on August 28, 2002. However, a radar detector may be approved before this date by placing the following note on the grant of Certification: "Device certified under rules adopted on July 12, 2002, in ET Docket No. 01-278 (FCC 02-211)." On August 28, 2002, TCBs must stop using the preceding grant note.

Radar detectors marketed after September 27, 2002, must comply with these new requirements. Radar detectors may be labeled with the FCC ID number or compliance statement on the container if they are manufactured or imported prior to January 27, 2003 (See clarification in 2 below).

Please note that the Commission has a Motion for Stay on these effective dates and a Petition for Reconsideration on the effective dates. The above dates are tentative right now.

2. Provide a clarification of the 180 day, container-labeling requirements mentioned in the new Section 15.37(k) of the FCC Rules for manufactured or imported radar detectors.

Answer: Paragraph 15 in the rulemaking clearly states the intention (of the rules) is to treat manufactured and imported radar detectors alike. For example, one sentence reads..."Furthermore, we are requiring that radar detectors imported into the United States or manufactured in this country for use within this country comply with the new rules beginning thirty days after publication of this decision and the associated rules in the Federal Register." Therefore, the intent of the 180 day labeling requirements in Section 15.47(k) is that all radar detectors manufactured prior to January 27, 2003, may be labeled on the container. Imported radar detectors may be labeled on the container if they are imported prior to January 27, 2003. Radar detectors imported on, or after, January 27, 2003, may not have the Part 15 labeling on the container regardless of the manufacturing date. Radar detectors imported on, or after, January 27, 2003, must have the Part 15 label on the device just like radar detectors manufactured in the USA on, or after January 27, 2003. Any other interpretation of this requirement does not treat manufactured and imported units alike.

3. Is a receiver used by the police to locate radar detector signals also subject to these requirements? We called such a device a radar-detector-detector-detector in the meeting.

Answer: No. The definition of a radar detector is such that it does not include these devices. Clearly these receivers are not used to signal the presence of radio signals used for determining the speed of motor vehicles. These receivers are used by the police to detect the operation of a radar detector. In some states, operation of a radar detector is illegal.

4. What frequency range should we list on the grant for a radar detector?

Answer: You should list the frequency range of the police radars that a device is designed to detect. For example, if a device is designed to detect the 10.5 - 10.55, 24.05 - 24.25 and the 33.4 - 36.0 GHz bands, all bands must be listed on the grant.

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