

October 15, 2018

Ms. Josette Gallant  
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(Submitted by email)

Dear Ms. Gallant,

**Re: ISED Radio Standards Specification, RSS-196, Issue 2 - Point-to-Multipoint Broadband Equipment Operating in the Bands 512-608 MHz for Rural Remote Broadband Systems (RRBS) (TV Channels 21 to 36)**

In August 2018, the Department requested the RABC review a draft version of ISED Radio Standards Specification, RSS-196, Issue 2 - Point-to-Multipoint Broadband Equipment Operating in the Bands 512-608 MHz for Rural Remote Broadband Systems (RRBS) (TV Channels 21 to 36) (dated August 2, 2018). Further, the RABC was requested to make the draft standard available on its website and to receive comments as part of the World Trade Organization's (WTO) notification process.

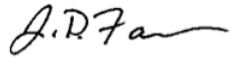
The Board understands that the draft RSS-196, Issue 2 was amended to remove the 614-698 MHz band and included a few minor edits to refer to RSS-Gen requirements. The technical standards were primarily amended to reflect the policy decisions as outlined in Decision SLPB-004-15.

Given that the proposed changes to the standard appeared to be straightforward, the draft version of RSS-196, Issue 2 was circulated to the full RABC distribution by email, with a request to members to identify any concerns they might have with the proposed changes.

RABC members have not raised any objections to the proposed changes. The Board did not receive any comments on the RABC's WTO portal. The Board received a letter addressed to the Chair of the RABC Fixed Wireless Communications Committee from 6Harmonics Inc., which included comments on the proposed standard. The Department was copied on the letter. Since 6Harmonics is not a member of RABC and, since RABC members have raised no objections to the proposed standard, we leave it to the Department to consider and respond to the comments of 6Harmonics.

We have completed our review and accept the revised draft – RSS-196, Issue 2 (dated August 2, 2018). We appreciate the opportunity to provide input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. D. Farnes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

J. David Farnes  
General Manager