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PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU ANNOUNCES COMMENT AND REPLY COMMENT DATES FOR THE CYBERSECURITY LABELING FOR INTERNET OF THINGS (IOT) PROGRAM

PS Docket No. 23-239

Comments on Section II.B Due: August 19, 2024 Comments on All Other Sections Due: August 19, 2024

Reply Comments on All Other Sections (other than Section II.B) Due: September 3, 2024

On March 24, 2024, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) adopted a *Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* establishing the framework for the Commission's voluntary cybersecurity labeling program for consumer wireless Internet of Things (IoT) products (IoT Labeling Program).¹ The IoT Labeling Program provides consumers with an easy-to-understand and quickly recognizable FCC IoT Label indicating the product bearing the label has met the IoT Labeling Program's cybersecurity standards.

Pursuant to authority delegated by the Commission to the Bureau in the *IoT Labeling Order*, the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) and Office of Managing Director (OMD) released a Public Notice seeking comment on certain issues that will assist the Bureau with timely implementation of the program, including: the format of Cybersecurity Label Administrator (CLA) and Lead Administrator applications; filing fees for CLA applications; criteria for selecting CLAs and the Lead Administrator; CLA sharing of Lead Administrator expenses; Lead Administrator neutrality; processes for withdrawal of CLA and Lead Administrator approvals; recognition of CyberLABs outside the United States; complaint processes; confidentiality and security requirements; and the IoT registry.²

By this *Public Notice*, the Bureau notifies interested parties that **comments on Section II.B of** the *Delegated Authority Public Notice* are due August 19, 2024; comments on all other sections are due August 19, 2024; and reply comments on all other sections (other than Section II.B) are due September 3, 2024.

¹ Cybersecurity Labeling for Internet of Things, PS Docket No. 23-239, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 24-26, (March 15, 2024) (IoT Labeling Order).

² Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Requests Comment on Implementation of the Cybersecurity Labeling for Internet of Things Program, PS Docket No. 23-239, Public Notice, DA 24-617 (June 27, 2024) (Delegated Authority Public Notice). A summary of the Delegated Authority Public Notice was published in the Federal Register on July 18, 2024, stating that comments on these proposed rules would be due on August 19, 2024. See Federal Communications Commission, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Requests Comment on Implementation of the Cybersecurity Labeling for Internet of Things Program, 89 FR 58312 (July 18, 2024).

Filing Procedures. Interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document. Comments may be filed using the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). Commenting parties may file comments in response to this Notice in PS Docket No. 23-239.

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs.³
- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing.
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- Hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary are
 accepted between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by the FCC's mailing contractor at 9050 Junction
 Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber
 bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the
 building.
- Commercial courier deliveries (any deliveries not by the U.S. Postal Service) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.
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For further information regarding this proceeding, please contact Tara B. Shostek, Attorney Advisor, Cybersecurity and Communications Reliability Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau at (202) 418-8130 or Tara.Shostek@fcc.gov.

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³ See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 FR 24121 (1998).