

IFAST Press Release

IFAST Welcomes the FCC Public Notice Reminding Cellular Licensees of SID Obligations

Washington DC (October 7, 2015) – IFAST, with its global responsibilities for the wireless industry’s System Identifier (SID) code management welcomes the FCC’s Wireless Telecommunications Bureau reminder to US based Cellular licensees of their obligation to keep their SID information updated with IFAST. Public Notice DA 15-1150 reinforces and clarifies the existing FCC guidelines and reminds both the Code Administrator (IFAST) and Cellular licensees of their obligations and responsibilities for managing this critical resource.

The SID (System ID) is critical for maintaining the accuracy and integrity of inter-carrier wireless billing in both CDMA and GSM systems, including LTE. All CDMA systems also use a subset of the complete SID code range to identify different geographical areas within their network coverage.

The Public Notice further advises all Cellular Licensees to review an attachment containing over 750 SID codes that IFAST believes are no longer in use and provide updated code assignment information to IFAST within 60 days (December 6, 2015). The codes listed in the attachment are being prepared for release to the free pool and subsequent reassignment to other operators.

According to Syed Hosain, IFAST Chairman, “IFAST’s SID responsibilities have grown since 1998, when international SID administration was first transferred from the TIA and again in 2014 when IFAST became the sole SID Administrator for the FCC. This Public Notice highlights the responsibilities that have existed for years and reinforces the important work performed by IFAST as the US, SID code Administrator”.

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Further information:

See FCC Public Notice DA 15-1150 dated October 7, 2015:

http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2015/db1007/DA-15-1150A1.pdf

FCC SID Information can be found at: <https://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/cellular-system-identification-number-sid-administrators>