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PART 68 - EQUIPMENT AUTHORIZATION

EQUIPMENT AUTHORIZATION UNDER PART 68, CONNECTION OF TERMINAL EQUIPMENT TO THE TELEPHONE NETWORK SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PART 68 OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES AND REGULATIONS AND TO TIA-968-B + TIA-1096 + TIA-1096-A, EQUIPMENT AUTHORIZATION IS HEREBY GRANTED FOR THE EQUIPMENT LISTED HEREIN. ANY CHANGE IN MODEL UNDER OR TRADE NAME REQUIRES AMENDMENT OF EQUIPMENT AUTHORIZATION. EACH PIECE OF EQUIPMENT BEARING THE LISTED TRADE NAME(S) AND MODEL NUMBER(S) SHALL BE LABELED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 68.300 AND TSB 168.

TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT CONTAINING RADIO-FREQUENCY CIRCUITRY MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL, AUTHORIZATION(S) TO BE ISSUED BY THE COMMISSION PRIOR TO MARKETING SUCH EQUIPMENT IN THE UNITED STATES. FAILURE TO OBTAIN THE REQUIRED EQUIPMENT AUTHORIZATIONS, WHEN REQUIRED, MAY SUBJECT THE REGISTRANT TO FINES AND PENALTIES PROVIDED FOR IN TABLE V, SECTION 501 AND 503 OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1934, AS MENDED.

FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING THIS EQUIPMENT AUTHORIZATION SHOULD REFERENCE THE FILE NUMBER, THE REGISTRATION NUMBER AND DATE OF GRANT.

The product listed below, subject to the provision of C.F.R. 47 Part 68, has been found to comply with the rules of the Federal Communications Commission and Technical Requirements for Connection of Terminal Equipment to the Telephone Network, TIA-1096-A and TIA-968-B by the Telecommunication Certification Body as listed above.

Registration No.:	US: 7ARW419BDD5624			**File No.:**	B1310223
Date Granted:	2013-12-26				
Responsible Party:	Global China Technology Limited			**RPC:**	7AR
U.S. Agent for Service:	Amplicom USA LLC 3401 Merrick Road, Wantagh, NY 11793, USA				
Equipment Description:	Amplified DECT Phone				
Nature of Application:	Original				
AC-REN:	1.9B	**DC-REN:**	N/A	**Connector(s):**	RJ11C
Type of Equipment:	Amplified DECT Phone				
Trade Name:	Amplicom			**Model Number:**	Please refer to the Annex A
Registration Affected:	N/A			**Authorized Network Ports:**	N/A
Service Order Code:	9.0Y				

A COPY OF THIS EQUIPMENT AUTHORIZATION MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICES WHEN ANY FOREIGN-MADE PRODUCTS IDENTIFIED HEREIN ARE IMPORTED INTO THE U.S.

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Annex A

Model Number:

Base Unit	Handset Unit
PowerTel 750 Assure	
PowerTel 760 Assure	
PowerTel 765 Assure Responder	
PowerTel 770 Assure Voice	PowerTel 701 Extender
PowerTel 775 Responder Voice	PowerTel 711 Extender Voice
PowerTel 780 Assure	PowerTel 780 Assure
PowerTel 785 Assure Responder	PowerTel 785 Assure Responder
DD5623BHER0	DD5621HER1
DD5624BHER0	DD5621VHER1
DD5634BHER0	DD5624HER1
DD5624VBHER0	DD5634HER1
DD5634VBHER0	
DD5624HER1	
DD5634HER1	

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Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of	)
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Request For Waiver of Volume Control Reset,	)
47 C.F.R. § 68.317(f)	)
Global China Technology Limited	)
Amplified DECT Phone # DD24	

ORDER

Adopted: December 23, 2013 **Released: December 23, 2013**

By the Chief, Disability Rights Office, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau:

1. In this *Order*, we grant a petition for waiver of 47 C.F.R. § 68.317(f) of the Commission's rules filed by Global China Technology Limited (GCTL) on November 8, 2013. Section 68.317(f) requires that telephones with amplification greater than 18 dB (designed for persons with hearing disabilities) must reset to a volume no greater than 18 dB once the telephone is returned to an on-hook position. GCTL seeks a waiver of Section 68.317(f) pursuant to the Commission's streamlined waiver procedures[1] for specific telephone devices Amplified DECT Phone # DD24,[2] that include a volume control override switch so that persons with hearing disabilities can use the telephone without having to turn the volume back up each time.

2. *Background: Part 68 Registration Process*. All terminal equipment manufactured in, or imported into, the United States and connected to the public switched telephone network (PSTN) must conform to the requirements of Part 68 of the Commission's rules.[3] To that end, Part 68 requires either

[1] *See Tandy Corporation, Walker Equipment Company, Ameriphone, Inc., and Ultratec, Inc., Request for Waiver of Volume Control Reset, 47 C.F.R. § 68.317(f)*, NSD-L-00-17, NSD-L-00-22, NSD-L-00-63, NSD-L-00-193, DA 01-578, 16 FCC Rcd 5253 (Com. Car. Bur. 2001) (*Tandy Corporation*).

[2] Specifically, this waiver request covers the following models:

Base unit:
PowerTel 750 Assure, PowerTel 760 Assure, PowerTel 765 Assure Responder,
PowerTel 770 Assure Voice, PowerTel 775 Responder Voice, PowerTel 780 Assure, PowerTel 785 Assure Responder, DD5623BHERO, DD5624BHERO, DD5634BHERO, DD5624VBHERO, DD5634VBHERO, DD5624HERI, DD5634HER1
Handset unit
PowerTel 701 Extender, PowerTel711 Extender Voice, PowerTel Assure,
PowerTel 785 Assure Responder, DD5621HER1, DD5621VHER1, DD5624HERI, DD5634HER1

[3] Part 68 is intended to prevent harm to the PSTN from the connection of terminal equipment and associated wiring. 47 C.F.R. § 68.1. Pursuant to Part 68, all terminal equipment that may be connected to the telephone network must meet the technical requirements of both Part 68 and those published by the Administrative Council for Terminal Attachments (ACTA) as required in sections 68.7, 68.102, and subpart C of Part 68 of the Commission's rules. *See* 47 C.F.R. §§ 68.7, 68.102; 47 C.F.R. Subpart C.

that terminal equipment be tested by a Telecommunications Certification Body (TCB)[4] or that the responsible party follow the procedures for a Supplier's Declaration of Conformity (SDOC).[5] A waiver of section 68.317(f) allows the petitioner to request testing from a TCB, or to file its SDOC pursuant to the Part 68 equipment approval requirements, despite the fact that the device does not meet the technical standards of section 68.317(f).

3. *Streamlined Volume Reset Switch Waiver Process*. On March 5, 2001, the Commission's Common Carrier Bureau, Network Services Division, released an order adopting a streamlined waiver process for deciding section 68.317(f) waiver petitions.[6] The Bureau identified five safety conditions that, if met, would allow for the grant of a waiver. Those conditions are:

> (1) the volume reset override switch shall be labeled as such and located on the telephone in such a way as not to be accessible to accidental engagement;
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> (2) a bright indicator light shall be prominently displayed on the front of the telephone and shall light up when the override is engaged and the telephone is placed in an off-hook condition;
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> (3) next to the light shall be a warning that the amplification is at a high level;
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> (4) a caution on the use of the volume reset override switch shall be included in the users' manual; and
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> (5) the telephone shall include a warning printed in Braille that can be securely attached to the back of the handset, or, if the telephone has only a headset, above the dial buttons, to indicate that a high volume setting may be engaged.

With this streamlined waiver process, the Commission eliminated the usual public notice and comment procedures for petitions for waivers of Commission rules.[7]

4. Accordingly, a party may request waiver of section 68.317(f) by submitting a letter certifying that the equipment for which the waiver is requested complies with the five safety conditions set forth in *Tandy Corporation*.[8] The letter (waiver request) must be signed "by a company representative or other officer responsible for its truthfulness."[9] "If the request is in order and if no other issues are present that preclude a grant, the [Commission] will issue an order granting the waiver request."[10] The party receiving such a waiver may then pursue equipment approval under the applicable Part 68 rules.[11]

5. *Discussion*. GCTL has provided a letter dated November 8, 2013, certifying that its

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[4] TCBs are equipment test laboratories certified by the Commission pursuant to sections 68.160 and 68.162 of the Commission's rules to approve terminal equipment for connection to the telephone network. Each TCB has its own application procedure and operates independently of the Commission. In addition, bodies outside the United States are also permitted to approve equipment. *See* 47 C.F.R. §§ 68.160(c), 162.

[5] SDOC procedures are set forth in sections 68.320 – 68.353 of the Commission's rules. 47 C.F.R. §§ 68.320 – 68.353.

[6] *Tandy Corporation* at ¶¶ 13-15.

[7] *Id.* at ¶ 15.

[8] *Id.* at ¶ 17.

[9] *Id.* at ¶ 15.

[10] *Id.*

[11] *Id.* at ¶ 15.

telephone devices, comply with the five safety conditions specified in *Tandy Corporation*. Its statement of certification is signed by Yip Timothy, the Research and Development Director of GCTL. Based on this letter, we conclude that it is appropriate to grant the requested waiver. This *Order* therefore grants GCTL's waiver request. GCTL may therefore proceed with either TCB certification or a Self-Declaration of Conformity pursuant to Part 68 of the Commission's rules.

6. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to authority delegated in sections 0.141 and 0.361 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.141, 0.361, and section 1.3 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.3, the request for waiver of section 68.317(f) for Amplified DECT Phone # DD24, filed by Global China Technology Limited, IS GRANTED SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS: (1) the volume reset override switch shall be labeled as such and located on the telephone in such a way as to not be accessible to accidental engagement; (2) a bright indicator light shall be prominently displayed on the front of the telephone and shall light up when the override is engaged and the telephone is placed in an off-hook condition; (3) next to the light shall be a warning that the amplification is at a high level; (4) a caution on the use of the volume reset override switch shall be included in the users' manual; and (5) the telephone includes a warning printed in Braille that can be securely attached to the back of the handset, or, if the telephone has only a headset, above the dial buttons, to indicate that a high volume setting may be engaged.

7. To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (TTY). This *Order* can also be downloaded in Word or Portable Document Format (PDF) at: http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/dro/hearing.html.

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