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MEMORANDUM

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Subject: EL-CID "System Name/Nomenclature" vs. "Application Title"

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform DoD agencies to use the appropriate entry for the system name/nomenclature field when preparing systems review application requests using the Equipment Location and Certification Information Database (EL-CID). When logged in as a DoD user, EL-CID has two fields, application title and system name. The application title field is incorporated due to the DoD's request for use of the 1494 "NTIA General Information" page for Foreign Coordination. However, NTIA uses the entry for system name or nomenclature when issuing certifications of spectrum support. The system nomenclature is the specific identifier developed or used by the submitting agency that uniquely identifies a particular radiocommunication system. The system name/nomenclature field is currently limited to maximum of 50 characters. The application title field is limited to a maximum of 100 characters. In some instances, DoD agencies have been using the application title as a system name. The limitation on character length for the system name/nomenclature field sometimes results in omission of some characters, thus truncating the system's name. If the sponsoring agency desires that the system name and the application title be the same, they need to ensure that the entry be limited to a maximum character length of 50, including spaces. The EL-CID query uses the system name field to search the database. Therefore, NTIA advises DoD agencies to be consistent in their use of the system name/nomenclature and application title fields by limiting the characters of the system name/nomenclature to a maximum of 50. It is important to note that the system name is the official name that will be on the NTIA certification and agencies should devise ways of identifying system names within the available character length when using EL-CID.