Subpart D - Citizens (CB) Radio Service

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Sec. 95.401 (CB Rule 1) What is the Citizens Band Radio Service?

The Cilizens Bard (CB) Radio Service is a privale, how-way, short-distance wice communications service for presonal or business solvides of the general public. The CB Radio Service may also be used for volce paging.

Sec. 95.402 (CB Rule 2) How do I use these rules?

(1) The fifty United States.
(2) The District of Columbia.
Caribbean fusinal areas.
(3) Corrunvestin of Puerto Rio.
(4) Navessas Island.
(5) United States Virgin Islands (50 islets and cays). (a) You must comply with these rules is (see 28 Mails 12 see 58.42.1; for the penalties for violations) with my upoperate standards with with you operate a station in the CB Service from:

(1) Within or ones the senticate limits of piaces where radio services are regulated by the FCC (see CB Rule 5, Sec. In 28.455);

(2) Aboard any vessel or aircraft reg-stered in the United States; or

(3) Aboard any unnegistered vessel or aircraft owned or operated by a United States citizen or company. (b) Your CB station must comply with technical rules found in subpart E of part 95.

(15) Pairryra Island (more than islets). (d) Where the rules use the word person, the rules are concerned with an individual, a corporation, a partnership, an association, a joint stock company, a furst, a state, territorial or focal government unit, or other legal entity. (c) Where the rules use the word you" you" means a person operating a CB station.

(2) Any foreign government. (You subject to its rufes.) (e) Where the rules use the term "FCC", that means the Federal Communications Commission. (f) Where the rules use the term "CB station", that means a radio station transmiting in the CB Radio Service.

Sec. 95.403 (CB Rule 3) Am I eligible to operate a CB station?

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(a) If your CB station is iccated on premises controlled by the Department of Defense you may be required to comply with additional regulations imposed by the commanding officer of the installation. Sec. 95.404 (CB Rule 4) Do I need a license? You do not need an individual license to operate a CB station. You are author-

(b) If your CS assion, will be con-structed on an evidenmentally sensitive sile, or will be operated in such a manner as to risse environmental problems, under Sen, 13207 of this chipper, you must provide an environmental assess-ment, as set from it so. 11311 of this chipper, and undergo the environmental environmental sensitive such contramental environmental consistance and an environmental before commencement of consistance. [48 FR 24894, June 3, 1983, as amended at 55 FR 20398, May 16, 1990] Sec. 95.405 (CB Rule 5) Where may I we operate my CB station? The CB station form of CB station form over any area of the b world where rado services are equilished. I built not cover any area of the b b world where rado services are equilished. I built not cover any area of the b b world where rado services are within the 1st builting mins of the cover and the cover are the cover and the cover area. ized by this rule to operate your CB sta-tion in accordance with the rules in this subpart.

How To Operate a CB Station

Sec. 95.407 (CB Rule 7) On what channels may loperate? (a) Your CB station may transmit only on the following channels (frequencies):

	(c) spuess right sales bands (c)		
9 9	islets and cays).		Frequency
0.0	Pacific Insular areas	Channel	(megahertz MHz)
	(6) American Samoa (seven islands).		
93	(7) Baker Island.		26.965
4 6	(B) Commonwealth of Northern	3	26.985
i	Mariana Islands.		27,005
4	(9) Guam Island.	5	27.015
	(10) Howland Island.	8	27.025
,	(11) Jarvis Island.	7	27.035
	(42) Johnston Johnst Root	8	27.056
,	Johnston, North and Sand).	6	27.076
5	(13) Kingman Reef.	-	27.085
u	(14) Midway Island (Islets Eastern	12	27.106
	and Sand).	13	27.115
9	(15) Palmyra Island (more than 50	***	27.125
œ	islets).	15	27.135
	(16) Wake Island (Islets Peale, Wake	100	27.150
	and Wikes).	-	27.100
_	(h) Any other area of the world	0 0	27.175
e e	expect within the territorial limits of areas	200	27.306
0 4	where radio services are requisted by-	2	27.215
	(1) An agency of the United States	22	27.225
5	other than the FCC. (You are subject to its	23	27.255
-	rules.)	24	27.235
	(2) Any foreign government. (You are	25	27.245
m	subject to its rules.)	28	27.265
,	(c) An sireraft or ship, with the nemis-	77	27.275
	sion of the captain, within or over any	28	27.285
	area of the world where radio services	53	27.295
0	are requiated by the FCC or upon or over	30	27.305
	international waters. You must operate	33	27.315
m	your CB station according to any applica-	3%	27,325
	ble treaty to which the United States is a	25	27 345
	Cally		200

Sec. 95.406 (CB Rule 6) Are there any special restrictions on the location of my CB sta-

(b) Channel 9 may be used only for emergency communications or for travel-er assistance.

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\1\ See paragraph (b) of this section.

[48 FR 24894, June 3, 1983, as amended at FR 41416, Sept. 15, 1983]

Sec. 95.409 (CB Rule 9) What equipment may I use at my CB station? (c) You must, at all times and on all channels, give priority to emergency communication messages concerning the immediate safety of life or the immediate protection of property.

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[48 FR 24894, June 3, 1983, as amended at Sec. 63 FR 38610, July 7, 1988]

(a) Antenna means the radiating system (for transmitting, receiving or both) and the structure holding it up (tower, pote or mast). If also means everything else

(b) If your antenna is mounted on a hand-held portable unit, none of the fol-lowing limitations apply.

AM (A3)—4 watts (cerrier power) SSB—12 watts (peak envelope power) (b) If you need more information about the power rule, see the technical rules in subpart E of part 95.

(c) Use of a transmitter which has car-fer or peak envelope power in excess of that authorized voids your authority to operate the station. (c) If your entertree is restalled at a SS (each of IV your entertree is restalled to the memory of the memory of the memory of the following in the memory of the following control of the following contr

Sec. 95.411 (CB Rule 11) May I use power amplifiers?

(a) You may not attach the following items (powe amplifiers) to ed CB transmitter in any way.

(1) External radio frequency (RF) of powe amplifiers (sometimes called in general reson from the east of innear amplifiers), or are grown of the form the hosted near man fight your CB station is hosted near the station is in man fight and the station of the form of the fight and fight fight and the fight fight fight for the fight figh

(2) Any other devices which, when used with a radio transmitter as a signal source, are capable of amplifying the signal.

(b) There are no exceptions to this rule and use of a power ampfiller voids your authority to operate the station.
(c) The FCC will presume you have used a linear or other external RF power amplifier II—

It is in your possession or on your mises; and

(2) There is other evidence that you have operated your CB station with more power than allowed by CB Rule 10, Sec. 95.410.

WARNING: Installation and removal of CB station antennas near powerlines is dangerous. For your safety, follow the installation directions included with your antenna.

(d) Paragraph (c) of this section does not apply if you hold a license in another radio service which allows you to operate an external RF power amplifier.

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(1) Your personal or business activi-es or those of members of your immedi-te family living in your household; (2) Emergencies (see CB Rule 18, ec. 95.418); ag eg

(4) Chil defense activities in connection who was disconducted to the child server grandes announced by or actual emergencies announced by one defense agency with authority ower the area in which your station is located.

(i) You may use your C3 station to contract a three signs are a contracted to the signs of the contracted to the signs of the contracted to the contracted t

Sec. 95.413 (CB Rule 13) What com-munications are prohibited?

(a) You must not use a CB statro—

(i) In connection with any activity

which is against federal, state or local

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(2) To barsent obscenoe, Indecent or profess evorts, inguispe or meaning.
(3) To interfere interferently with the communications of environmental with environmental constructions.
(4) To transmit one-way communications of except for membering communications, twelve assistance, but less for the constitution, twelve assistance, but less for except of the communications. To according to the safe of any goods or services.
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Sec. 95.412 (CB Rule 12) What com-munications may be trans-mitted?

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(10) To advertise a political candidate or political campaign; (you may date or political campaign; (you may nea your CB and to fine business or organizational espects of a campaign; if you follow all other applicable rules);

(11) To communicate with staticns of a flad of a country of a country of a flad of a f

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Sec. 95.415 (CB Rule 15) Who is responsible for communications I make?

[48 FR 24894, June 3, 1983, as amended at 57 FR 22442, May 28, 1992]

Sec. 95.419 (CB Rule 19) May loper-ate my CB station transmitter by remote control? You are responsible for all commu-nications which are made by you from a CB station. Sec. 95.416 (CB Rule 16) Do I have to limit the length of my communications?

International Control of the American State (b) If you are communicating with its arroles CS station cashors, you, and other stations communicating view you. In salt little each of you, and the each communicating view you, and the the ordinators in more than the confinators intrudes. (c) At the end of your conversation, they are not the stations communicating with you, and the stations communicating with you, and the stations communicating with you, and the stations communicating and the stations communicating and the sees one market. (a) You must limit your CB communications to the minimum practical time.

(c) Remote control means opera-tion of a CB transmitter from any place other than the location of the CB trans-

Sec. 95.417 (CB Rule 17) Do I identi-fy my CB communications?

mitter. Direct mechanical control or direct electrical control by wire from some port on the same premises, craft or vehicle as the CB transmitter is not considered remote control.

Sec. 95,420 (CB Rule 20) May I con nect my CB station transmitter to a telephone?

[48 FR 24894, June 3, 1983, as amender at 57 FR 40343, Sept. 3, 1992; 63 FR 68976, Dec. 14, 1998]

(b) IYou are encouraged to identify your CB communications by any of the following means:
(1) Previously assigned CB call (a) You need not identify your CB communications.

(a) You may connect your CB sta-tion transmitter to a biedpone if you compty with all of the following: (1) You or someone else must be present at your CB station and must— (3) Name; or (4) Organizational description including name and any applicable operator unit number.] (2) K prefix followed by operator initials and residence zip code; (c) [You are encouraged to use your "handle" only in conjuction with the methods of identification listed in paragraph (b) of this section.]

(ii) Supervise the operation of the transfer during the connection; (iii) Ustern to each communication during the connection; and supervised to the coperations in violation of these view operations in violation of these Sec. 95.418 (CB Rule 18) How do I use my CB station in an emergency or to assist a traveler?

(i) Manually make the connection (the connection must not be made by remote control);

(a) You must at all times and on all channels, give priority to emergency communications.

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(2) Each communication during the telephone connection must comply with all of these nites.

(3) You must does any restriction that the telephone company places on the connection of a CB transmitter to a

(c) If you connect your CB transmit to a felephone, you must use a one patch device with has been regreed with the FCC. (b) The CB transmitter you conner to a telephone must not be shared will any other CB station. pho ster (b) (b) When you are dreufly participation of the first bound you will be a first bound you will be a first bound you will be a first bound of the first bound of the

Sec. 95.421 (CB Rule 21) What are the penalties for violating these rules? Other Things You Need To Know

(d) You may use your CB station to transmit one-way communications con-cerning highway conditions to assist travelers.

(a) If the FCC finds that you have willfulfulfulcations for the FCC finds that you may voru may have to pay as much as \$1,0000 feest whether \$1,0000 fees section 503(b) of the Communications Act of the FCC finds that you have violated any section of the Communications Act of the FCC finds that you have violated any section of the Communications Act of the FCC Rules, you may be ordered to stop whatever action caused the violation; (See section of the Act.) and the Act.)

(c) If a Federal court finds that you have willfully and knowingly violated any FCC Rule, you may be fined up to \$500 for each day you committed the violation. (See section 502 of the Corrumarications Act.)

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(e) if a received must fresh test you have wilfully and knowingly violated any provision of the Communications is Act, you may be implicationed for one you may be implicationed for one year, or you may be implicationed for one year, or both. (See section 501 of the e Communications Act.)

Sec. 95.422 (CB Rule 22) How do I answer correspondence from the FCC? 48 FR 24894, June 3, 1983, as amended at 57 FR 40343, Sept. 3, 1992]

(a) If it appears to the FOC that you have violated the Communications Act or these rules, the FOC may send you

of these tweet, the 1-Cur may setting years of the controllation expenses of con

(Secs. 4(i) and 303(r), Communications Act of 1994, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 154(i) and 303(r), and sec. 553 of the Administrative Procedures Act, 5 U.S.C. (e) You must send your answer to the FCC office which sent you the

(f) You must keep a copy of your answer in your station records. (See CB Rule 27, Sec. 95.427.)

Sec. 95.425 (CB Rule 25) May I make any changes to my CB station trans-mitter? [48 FR 24894, June 3, 1983, as amended at 49 FR 20673, May 16, 1984] Sec. 96.422 (CB Rule 22) What must state to be of the PCC Date in the that they CB state as stated in counting interference? If the PCC state is considered by the pcc of the PCC state in the pcc of the PCC state in the ordinal PCC indicate. The nodes may requise you to have a few consideration is causing interference for most collection. The nodes may except by the lower in the ordinal PCC indicate. The nodes may except by the lower in the pcc of the pcc of

(a) You must not make or have any one else make any internal modification by your CB transmitter.

(b) Internal modification does not include:

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(c) You must not operate a CB etransfer which has been modified by anyone in any way, including modifier to fin to operate on unaffernized frequencies or with legal power (See CB Rules and 11, Sec. Sec. 95.409 and 95.411.) Sec. 95.424 (CB Rule 24) How do I have my CB station transmitter serv-(a) You may adjust an anterna to your CB transmitter and you may make radio checks. A radio check means a more way transmission for a short time in order to test the transmitter.)

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(C) You are recorded for the last free last free and are an early considered to provide all at free and are associated to provide and are associated as servicing and matrice. So arrace as other as may be necessary to the resurce project operation. You must fine have a free and internal matrice of internal and internal matrices and internal matrices of internal and internal matrices of the analysis of internal adjustments and requirements and requirements and internal adjustments and responsible and

(a) If an authorized FCC representative curvature in the records surjectly your CB state from you must make your CB statem and records available for inspection.

(b) A CB station includes all of the racio equipment you use.

(b) FCC World Wide Web home-page: http://www.fcc.gov. (c) in-writing, br FCC, Alternforr, CB, 1270 Fairfield Road, Getlyschung, PA, 17325-7245.

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Sec. 95.426 (CB Rule 26) Do I have to make my CB station available for inspection?

9 Sec. 55.427 (CB Rule 27) What are y author moreoffer include the fol-towing section of the foliation of the lower programme that suppose to an include the foliation of the foliation of the foliation of the foliation of the foliation within permission of the foliation of the foliation within permission of the foliation of the foliation of the foliation within permission of the foliation of th

Sec. 95.428 (CB Rule 28) How do I contact the FCC? (a) FOC National Call Center at 1-888-225-5322.

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