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North American Broadcasters Association (NABA)

ON THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROTECTION AGAINST INTERFERENCE GENERATED BY SHORT-RANGE DEVICES (SRD) OPERATING IN THE TERRESTRIAL BROADCAST BANDS

The North American Broadcasters Association (NABA, www.nabanet.com) is an association of broadcasters in Canada, Mexico, and the United States, and the NABA Technical Committee is its standing technical body. NABA is thus in a position to present the technical viewpoints of the most authoritative association of professional North American Broadcasters in television and sound programme production, post-production, and distribution for terrestrial, satellite, and cable broadcasting.

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NABA has been following, with great interest, the discussions in ITU-R Working Party 1B concerning the “Preliminary draft revision of Recommendation ITU-R SM.1538-2 - Technical and operating parameters and spectrum requirements for short-range radiocommunication devices” (Annex 1 of the Chairman’s Report, Document 1B/40). NABA notes that Working Party 6A brings to the attention of Working Party 1B the existence of Recommendation ITU-R BT.1786 “Criterion to assess the impact of interference to the terrestrial broadcasting service (BS)” that establishes the criterion to assess the impact of interference from various devices including short-range radio devices (Document 1B/50).

NABA joins the World Broadcasting Unions – Technical Committee (Document 1B/55) in fully supporting this Recommendation and agrees with the request from Working Party 6A that Working Party 1B include the protection requirements related to the broadcasting service from emissions by short-range radio devices (Recommendation ITU-R BT.1786) in its revision of Recommendation ITU-R SM.1538-2.