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§87.215 Supplemental eligibility.

- (a) A unicom and any associated dispatch or control points must be located on the airport to be served.
- (b) Only one unicom will be authorized to operate at an airport which does not have a control tower, RCO or FAA flight service station. At an airport which has a part-time or full-time control tower, RCO or FAA flight service station, the one unicom limitation does not apply and the airport operator and all aviation services organizations may be licensed to operate a unicom on the assigned frequency.
- (c) At an airport where only one unicom may be licensed, when the Commission believes that the unicom has been abandoned or has ceased operation, another unicom may be licensed on an interim basis pending final determination of the status of the original unicom. An applicant for an interim license must notify the present licensee and must comply with the notice requirements of paragraph (d) of this section.
- (d) An applicant for a unicom license, renewal or modification of frequency assignment at an airport which does not have a control tower, RCO or FAA flight service station must notify in writing the owner of the airport and all aviation service organizations located at the airport. The notice must include the applicant's name and address, the name of the airport and a statement that the applicant intends to file an application with the Commission for a unicom. The notice must be given within the ten days preceding the filing of the application with the Commission. Each applicant must submit a statement that either notice has been given and include the date of notification, or notice is not required because the applicant owns the airport and there are no organizations that should be notified.

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§87.217 Frequencies.

(a) Only one unicom frequency will be assigned at any one airport. The Commission will assign a frequency based on maximum geographic cochannel separation. However, applicants may request a particular frequency which will be taken into consideration when the assignment is made. The frequencies assignable to unicoms are:

- (1) 122.950 MHz at airports which have a full-time control tower or full-time FAA flight service station.
- (2) 122.700, 122.725, 122.800, 122.975, 123.000, 123.050 or 123.075 MHz at all other airports.
- (b) 121.500 MHz: emergency and distress only.

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Subpart H—Aeronautical Multicom Stations

§87.237 Scope of service.

- (a) The communications of an aeronautical multicom station (multicom) must pertain to activities of a temporary, seasonal or emergency nature involving aircraft in flight. Communications are limited to directing or coordinating ground activities from the air or aerial activities from the ground. Air-to-air communications will be authorized if the communications are directly connected with the air-toground or ground-to-air activities described above. Multicom communications must not include those air/ground communications provided for elsewhere in this part.
- (b) If there is not unicom and an applicant is unable to meet the requirements for a unicom license, the applicant will be eligible for a multicom license
- (1) The multicom license becomes invalid when a unicom is established at the landing area.
- (2) Multicoms must not be used for ATC purposes other than the relay of ATC information between the pilot and air traffic controller. Relaying of ATC information is limited to the following:
- (i) Revisions of proposed departure time:
- (ii) Takeoff, arrival flight plan cancellation time;
- (iii) ATC clearances, provided a letter of agreement is obtained from the FAA by the licensee of the multicom.