

Regulatory Circular RG 98-12

Date: February 4, 1998

To: Members / Member Firms

From: Equity Floor Procedure Committee
Systems Operations

Re: Elimination of Internet Access on Wireless Communications Systems
Applications for Wireless Hand Held Systems to be Placed on Hold

Due to radio wave frequency problems caused by the use of non-tethered hand held terminals and communications systems on the trading floor, the Equity Floor Procedure Committee ("the Committee") has determined that Internet access on wireless networks will not be allowed on the trading floor. Any firm currently utilizing Internet functions over their wireless network is required to eliminate that function. If there is a business need for Internet access on a hand held unit, an application must be submitted to the appropriate Floor Procedure Committee for review. Applications may be obtained from Jim Cincinelli in the Department of Telecommunications on the 2nd floor of the Exchange.

The Committee has determined that no new antennas or requests for additional antennas will be allowed. Furthermore, no modifications or upgrades may be made to existing systems without prior approval by the appropriate Floor Procedure Committee. Any installation of a new communications system, or addition or modification to the use or functionality of an existing system without prior approval by the appropriate Floor Procedure Committee may result in the termination and removal of the system. Until a solution is found to the aforementioned problem, all new applications to operate wireless hand held terminals and communications systems will be placed on hold and kept on file with the Department of Telecommunications in the order in which they are received.

Any questions regarding this circular may be forwarded to Pat Taff, Director of Hardware / Network Services at (312) 786-7683.

