

6840000 NETWORK DEVICES
COMMENTS FROM INTERNAL/INDUSTRY REVIEW

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In new section 684.1.2.6, we suggest the equipment be permanently marked with the manufacturer name or trademark, the part number, the date of manufacture, “and” the serial number. The word “and” was changed to “or”. This will not allow us to keep a current inventory of ITS devices as recommended by the OIG unless we have a serial number. This same change is suggested to be made to new sections 684.2.2.5, 684.3.2.13, and 684.4.2.3 which has the same wording. The bottom line is we really need a serial number shown on each device for inventory purposes.

Response:

The serial number was made optional because date of manufacture traceability can be accomplished by either the date of manufacture or serial number, dependent on the method used by the manufacturer of the product. We did not want to force the manufacturer to mark the product with both serial number and date of manufacture when only one of the two is needed. Because serial number is needed by D1, the document was changed to require the serial number and drop the requirement for the date of manufacture.
