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(b) All apparatus subject to this section must enable the presentation or the pass through of the secondary audio stream, which will facilitate the provision of video description signals and emergency information (as that term is defined in § 79.2) such that viewers are able to activate and deactivate transmitted simultaneously with sound;

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NOTE 1 TO PARAGRAPH (a): Apparatus includes the physical device and the video player(s) capable of displaying video programming transmitted simultaneously with sound that manufacturers install into the devices they manufacture before sale, whether in the form of hardware, software, or a combination of both, as well as any video players capable of displaying video programming transmitted simultaneously with sound that manufacturers direct consumers to install after sale.

NOTE 2 TO PARAGRAPH (a): This paragraph places no restrictions on the importing, shipping, or sale of apparatus that were manufactured before May 26, 2015.

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(c) All apparatus subject to this section must comply with the interconnection mechanism requirements in §79.105(c).

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