

# Regulatory Update - Botswana

## **Botswana – Changes to Validity of Renewed Certificates for Existing Approvals**

Further to PCS Regulatory Update dated 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017 concerning the impact of the new Type Approval Guidelines, the Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority (BOCRA) has reaffirmed the validity period of renewed certificates for existing Approvals.

BOCRA have confirmed that if a device has not been modified since the original Approval was obtained, the manufacturer will still need to renew the certificate yearly, and so Approvals will continue to be valid for a period of 1 year only.

However, if a device has been modified since the original Approval was obtained, including any changes or upgrades which impact equipment safety, EMC, spectrum use, or standards, the manufacturer will need to apply for a New Approval. The Type Approval certificate will then be issued with a validity period according to its corresponding equipment type and assumed product lifetime.

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