

Regulatory Update – South Africa

SABS – Reinstatement of Certificate of Compliance Scheme - Update

Further to PCS' Regulatory Update published on 8th May 2017 concerning the reinstatement of the SABS EMC / EMI Certificate of Compliance Scheme, PCS have since held a conference call with SABS, whereby further information has been released.

Please find below a summary of the discussion held during this call:

1. It is expected that the formal launch of the new scheme will be pushed out from 1st June to 18th July.
2. The SABS Approval process will be paperwork-only:
 - Test reports must be to South African National Standards (SANS) standards, and issued by a SABS accredited laboratory*

**Several labs have already been accredited by SABS and a full list will be published before the scheme is formally launched. Further applications for lab accreditation can be made after the scheme is formally launched.*

3. The estimated lead-time for Approval is 30 working days.
4. The scope of devices which require SABS Approval remains unchanged. Non-telecommunications devices (e.g. non-RF cradles, battery chargers, ethernet switches) will require Approval by the SABS.

5. It is expected that products imported into South Africa during the Memorandum of Understanding between ICASA and SABS (implemented in March 2016) will not need to undergo Approval by the SABS once the scheme is reinstated.

SABS have advised that further information will be released via their new official website which remains in development and will become active shortly.

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