

Regulatory Update

South Africa - updated labelling regulations

The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA) released Note 872 of 2013, on 26th August 2013 concerning updated labelling regulations for all telecommunication and RF equipment sold in South Africa.

This regulation will officially come into effect upon its publication in Government Gazette, date yet to be confirmed.

The new regulations are similar to the currently enforce regulations except that they allow for E-labelling (see point 8 below) and define size restrictions (see points 6 and 7 below):

Please find below full details of the new ICASA labelling requirements:

1. Labels must be affixed to the device before the device is made available for sales or lease or is supplied in any other manner. The label must be legible and protected against damage.
2. The Label must bear ICASA logo and issued certificate number (TA XXXX-YYYY).
3. Labels may be obtained from ICASA upon payment of applicable fee.
4. In the event of suppliers wishing to produce their own label, a written request must be submitted for ICASA Approval prior to supply or use of equipment. ICASA will issue a formal letter in response to supplier's request to confirm if proposed label design has been approved.
5. The minimum size of the ICASA logo on the label must be 3mm high and 3mm wide.
- 6. The issued certificate number must be 1mm high.**

7. The height to width ratio of the overall ICASA label must be 1:2. (e.g. 10 x 20 mm).
8. E-labelling can also be used as an alternative method; a written request must be submitted for ICASA Approval prior to supply or use of equipment. ICASA will issue a formal letter in response to supplier's request to confirm if proposed label design has been approved.

E-labels must be displayed in at least one of the following methods:

- During the device's power up sequence
- Under the device's system information page
- Under the help menu on the device

Documentation accompanying the device must clearly indicate how the users can access the label.

Valid Labels that have been approved by the Authority prior to the promulgation of these Regulations shall still remain in force.

Please see below example of ICASA label design:



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