

PCS Quarterly Newsletter

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Dear Customers,

Please find enclosed our latest edition of PCS Newsletter with all activity that has taken place over the last three months.

EMEA Region

Ukraine— Feb 2016



Following our previous newsletter in December, the new Law on the *technical regulations and conformity assessment* introduced by the Ukrainian Cabinet of Ministers came into effect on 10th February 2016.

The purpose of this Law is to consolidate the provision of currently overlapping laws and to harmonize Ukrainian legislation with European standards.

In addition to the above, revised technical regulations “On *electromagnetic Compatibility of equipment*” and “On *low-voltage equipment*” will come into effect on June 30th 2016. Again, the revised regulations are designed in connection with the adoption of a new EC directive “on the *harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to electromagnetic compatibility*”.

Draft Ukrainian RoHS requirements have also been published, to align with the latest EU Directives—2011/65/EU and 2015/863.

It has been confirmed that there will be no fundamental changes in the conformity assessment procedures as a result.

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Moldova

Following closure of the Testing Laboratory of National Radio Frequency Centre (CNFR) of Moldova on 22nd March 2016, PCS can confirm that the lab is open again and samples can now be tested.

Morocco

New EMC and LVD certification requirements will come into effect in Morocco on 12th April 2016 whereby manufacturers must draw up a Declaration of Conformity in Arabic or French language and affix a mark of conformity before placing the product on the Moroccan market. It is understood that the Declaration of Conformity will also be required for local importers to obtain clearance authorization for consignments once in customs.

The scope of affected products is identical to the EU Directive 2014/35/EU (LVD) and Directive 2014/30/EU (EMC), with the exception that "Plugs and socket outlets for domestic use" will also be included in the Moroccan directive.

Please speak to your PCS account manager for more details!

Armenia—Jan 2016

Following Armenia's adoption and harmonization of Customs Union Technical Regulations on EMC and Safety, it was further clarified that, from January 2nd 2016, national level Approval will be required only for radio equipment and telecommunications terminal equipment falling under HS codes 8517 61 000, 8517 62 000 and 8525 50 000 until further notice. National level Approvals removes the need for CU compliance.



Equipment types falling under HS Codes 8517 61 000, 8517 62 000 and 8525 50 000, and which require national level Approval, are as follows:

- base stations
- sound, image or other data reception, transition devices including
- switching devices and routers and network equipment
- transmitting equipment and receiving devices

Belarus—Jan 2016

From 1st January 2016 Belarusian Regulators have been in the process of updating the list of products which are subject to mandatory national conformity assessment via a Declaration scheme. It has been advised that the new list of products will not be in place until June 2016 and, during this interim period, the national Declaration scheme cannot be followed.



It has been advised that only products that fall under established EA Customs Union (EAC) technical regulations require mandatory confirmation of compliance in Belarus. Manufacturers can either import products which are Approved against the EAC EMC/Safety scheme only (if products fall under these regulations), or apply for a voluntary Certification scheme under the national system of Belarus in addition. If voluntary certificate is not obtained in the interim period, it will be the manufacturer's responsibility to ensure a Declaration under the national system is obtained once the new list comes into effect in June.

It was also confirmed by the State Committee of Standardization of the Republic of Belarus that there are no legal obligations to show compliance to RF standards until the new regulation is introduced.

South Africa — Jan 2016



Following previous updates regarding EMC/EMI Approval applications, it has been advised that an agreement between ICASA and SABS is underway and the Approval procedure and requirements will be reconfirmed shortly.

PCS are monitoring this situation very closely and will keep customers updated.

Niger — Feb 2016



The Nigerien Regulator, L’Autorité de Régulation des Télécommunications et de la Poste (ARTP) have advised that, after a long period of suspension, the Type Approval procedure has now been reinstated in the country.

Although the official text outlining the conditions of Type Approval has been published on the ARTP website, it is anticipated that the internal procedures will not be completed until April 2016; submission of Type Approval applications will therefore be on hold until this time.

Kuwait—Feb 2016



Type Approval regulatory responsibility of the Ministry of Communications (MoC) in Kuwait will soon be transferred to the Communication and Information Technology Regulatory Authority (CITRA). The expected date will be May 2016.

CITRA are in the process of registering companies in their system, however Approval procedures have not yet formally introduced. During this time MoC will remain responsible for all Type Approval applications.



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Azerbaijan

A new Minister of Communications and High Technologies Authority in Azerbaijan was appointed in February which has meant significant reorganisation at the Authority.

The new appointment of the minister and reorganisation followed dismissal of the previous minister as a result of an unexpected audit conducted by the anticorruption department.

As a result, there have been significant delays in the Type Approval review time in Azerbaijan, as well as issuance of certificates.

PCS understand the situation is settling now, and we will continue to monitor developments here.



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Vietnam

From 1st March 2016, Vietnam national standards QCVN12:2010 and QCVN15:2010 for GSM and WCDMA will be replaced by their new versions QCVN12:2015 and QCVN15:2015 respectively.

There will be no impact to devices already Approved to the previous standards. However, for all future applications (including renewals), local testing to the new standards will be followed as of 1st March 2016.

Macau

On 28th December, the Bureau of Telecommunication Regulation of Macau (DSRT) published the Official Gazette Despacho do Chefe do Executivo No. 468/2015, confirming changes to their Type Approval exemption list. These changes have come into effective immediately.

Please speak to your PCS account manager for full details.

APAC Region

India BIS— Feb 2016

The India BIS test standard for terminals and PSUs, S13252(Part1):2010, was updated on 22nd February to a 2nd amendment (A2:2015). The current standard labs have been testing to is Amendment 1 (A1:2013), which will remain valid until 31st December. Until 31st December, there is the option to test and submit reports either to A1:2013 or A2:2015, however any application Approved under A1:2013 will need to have local reports updated to A2:2015 and submitted to BIS by 31st December 2016.



After 31st December, BIS will only accept reports issued to A2:2015.

Indonesia— Mar 2016

On 6th March 2016 Direktorat Jenderal Sumber Daya dan Perangkat Pos dan Informatika (SDPPI) released new Resolution Ref. No. 292/BBPPT.31/SP.04. 06/3/2016, whereby EU/FCC RF and EMC test reports must now be submitted for all Type Approval applications. This new regulation is effective immediately.



Providing EU/FCC test reports will not negate the need for local testing. The reports will act as support for local laboratories in performing the tests. EU / ETSI Reports should be used for all technologies with the exception of 5GHz WLAN and 902 – 928MHz UHF RFID Devices, where FCC reports should be used instead.

Philippines—Jan 2016

The frequency band 57-66 GHz has now been allocated for Gigabit Wireless Systems (MGWS) including RLAN devices, with a channel bandwidth of 2160 MHz.



Taiwan— Jan 2016



On 29th December 2015, the Taiwanese Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection (BSMI) have introduced updated inspection requirements in accordance with standard CNS 15633 Section 5 (Marking of presence), and in relation to restricted chemical substances in electrical and electronic equipment. Please see below a summary of

changes as a result of this change:

1. The presence of restricted chemical substances must be clearly marked on the body, package, sticker, or the instruction book of product
2. If the presence of restricted chemical substances is indicated online, the relevant link must be located on the body, package, sticker, or the instruction book of product
1. The compliance standards listed in BSMI certificates shall now include CNS 15663 Section 5.
2. Updated labelling requirements –
 - The Commodity Inspection Mark shall also contain “RoHS” or “RoHS(XX,XX)” which will refer to the presence conditions of the restricted substance.
 - The identification number shall still be placed to the below or right of the graphic symbol and “the presence conditions of the restricted substance” shall be indicated in the second row.

Singapore—Mar 2016



From 1st April 2016 the Info-communications Development Authority of Singapore (IDA) and Media Development Authority of Singapore (MDA) will be restructured to form two new entities— Info-communications Media Development

Authority of Singapore (IMDA) and the Government Technology Organisation (GTO). IDMA will be responsible for the regulatory functions previously managed by IDA and will administrate regulatory framework for the telecom and media sectors.

Until IMDA is formally established, the existing licensing/regulatory framework will continue to be effective; existing license / regulation will then be transferred to IMDA automatically.



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Australia and New Zealand

Supplier registration and labelling transitional arrangements ended on 29th February 2016. That is to say, suppliers who were issued with a SCN (Supplier Code Number) prior to 1st March 2013 and whereby the C-Tick or A-Tick could still be applied must now ensure that they are registered on the national database and start using the RCM (Regulatory Compliance Mark).

Mongolia

LTE bands 3 and 28 are now open for use to 3 operators.

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Argentina

Following introduction of the new Regulator, ENACOM (Ente Nacional de Comunicaciones), delays in all stages of the Approval application process are still being incurred.

Normal operation is expected to resume in approximately 4 weeks time.

On 26th February 2016, ENACOM also issued Resolution Nº 15/2016 replacing previous Resolution Nº 86/2014, concerning Low power devices.

ENACOM have confirmed to PCS, Resolution Nº 15/2016 will be effective once a relevant updated technical standard is published for which the timeframe still remains unconfirmed. Details regarding any necessary retesting or change of process to follow for certification can only be identified upon publication of the technical standard.

Americas and LATAM Region

Mexico— Jan 2016

Mexican test laboratories and Certification Bodies now have full accreditation to test and file Type Approvals under the Mexican emergency standard NOM-EM-016-SCFI-2015. This applies to all devices which operate in the frequency bands 2400-2483.5MHz, 5725-5850MHz and 902-928MHz.



There remains no impact to any devices Approved in accordance with the previous NOM-121-SCT1-2009 before 19th October 2015. Furthermore, Renewal applications can still be filed for Approvals issued under NOM-121-SCT1-2009.

Mexico— Mar 2016

NOM-EM-015-SCFI-2015, the Regulation relating to terminal equipment connecting / interconnecting via wired access to a public telecommunications network has now expired as of 11th March 2016. This affects devices such as home phones, modems, routers with POTS interface, FXO interface and devices which connect to the PSTN (public switched telephone network).

A replacement standard has already been drafted which will be based upon the technical standards published in IFT-004-2016. During this interim period, and as a temporary solution only, it will be possible to Type Approve new devices previously covered by NOM-EM-015-SCFI-2015 under the IFT standard IFT-004-2016 instead.

The forecasted date for the formal issuance of the replacement NOM regulation is currently unknown.

Chile—Jan 2016

The Chilean Regulator, Subsecretaría de Telecomunicaciones (SUBTEL), have introduced stricter review requirements for Type Approval applications whereby Frequency Declarations or User Manual statements to demonstrate conformance to *Resolución 755* will no longer be accepted.



Where applicable, PCS' recommendation is to provide results for the Chilean country code (which shows compliance with the lower Chilean limits) in the main FCC report or to provide a separate test report to evidence compliance.

Brazil - Jan 2016



ANATEL IPv6 requirements for products using 3G and 4G technology came in to force in January 2016. The IPv6 requirements apply to Category I equipment with the following characteristics:

1. Air interface intended for mobile services defined by ANATEL
2. Terminal function for 3G and 4G technologies; and
3. Allow communication by IP (Internet Protocol).

Products approved prior to the IPv6 requirements coming in to force must be tested at the time of Approval renewal.

Brazil - Mar 2016

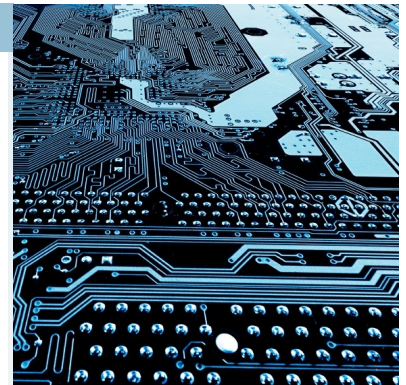
On 8th March 2016, ANATEL issued Resolution No. 662 which updates Annex III and Art. 39 of Resolution No. 242 of November 30th, 2000. Please find a brief summary of the update below:

1. The ANATEL ID format has been updated to “HHHHH-AA-FFFF”.

Products submitted for certification prior to the entry into force of this Resolution may use the old format of the Approval ID.

ANATEL Approved products which are already being imported/commercialized are unaffected and there is no requirement to update the existing Approval ID or regulatory label.

2. The label format can follow any of the examples of the construction of the ANATEL logo, plus the Approval ID, according to item I of Annex III of Res. 242
3. The EAN number and bar code are no longer required for the ANATEL label composition.
4. For products in which the space for placing the ANATEL logo and the Approval ID is insufficient, this should be placed in the user operating manual and can optionally be placed on the packaging of the product.



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Colombia

The Colombia Regulator, *Comisión de Regulación de Comunicaciones (CRC)* has recently announced its intention to expand the scope of devices requiring Type Approval. Regarding mobile terminals (including cellular modules), currently cellular devices with voice function only must obtain Type Approval, however, the CRC has plans to change this requirement at a later date this year to also enforce mandatory Type Approval for cellular devices that are data-only.

The CRC has advised that this new requirement will come into effect during 2016, however a specific date for the release of the updated regulation detailing this change is currently unknown. For data-only cellular devices which are already in the Colombian market, PCS understands that there will not be a retrospective effect and import and sale of these devices can continue, however we are seeking clarification on this point.

It is still to be confirmed whether the Type Approval procedure for data-only cellular devices will be the same as that of cellular devices with voice function only. PCS is also seeking further validation regarding whether Type Approval applications for data-only cellular devices can be submitted prior to the implementation date of this regulatory change.



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New PCS UK Website!

For information on our service scope, countries covered, regulatory updates and more, please visit our new site for full details!

[http://
www.productcompliancespecialists.eu/about-us/](http://www.productcompliancespecialists.eu/about-us/)

Our Shanghai team have been working very hard to improve our service for China Type Approval, and we're pleased to announce that we have already implemented many process improvements for SRRC Approvals where our country manager is now also able to attend local testing in person.

For any enquiries on SRRC, CCC or NAL Type Approvals in China, please contact us for further details!

Thank you for taking the time to read these articles. Please feel free to contact your account manager at PCS if you have any questions.

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