

Regulatory Alert - Mexico

Draft replacement to emergency standard NOM-EM-016-SCFI-2015 - PROY-NOM-208-SCFI-2015 – published in Mexican DOF and remains under consultation.

Further to PCS' Regulatory Alert released on 25th July 2016, the draft definitive replacement for emergency standard NOM-EM-016-SCFI-2015 - PROY-NOM-208-SCFI-2015 – was published in the Mexican *Diario Oficial de la Federación* (DOF) on 13th September 2016. This standard applies to all devices operating in the frequency bands 2400-2483.5MHz, 5725-5850MHz and 902-928MHz.

The PROY-NOM-208-SCFI-2015 draft will remain under public discussion for a period of 60 calendar days and thereafter should be enforced within 120 calendar days from the official publication date.

Both the existing NOM-EM-016-SCFI-2015 and the future PROY-NOM-208-SCFI-2015 draw their technical standards from the IFT-008-2015. Considering that the PROY-NOM-208-SCFI-2015 won't be implemented prior to the expiry of NOM-EM-016-SCFI-2015 on 19th October 2016, it is understood that it would still be possible to file for Type Approval under the IFT-008-2015, however this would not negate the need to re-certify under the PROY-NOM-208-SCFI-2015 once it is formally published and all accreditations are obtained for laboratories to approve under the new standard. The process to re-certify would be as per a new Type Approval application.

As such, PCS still advise that manufacturers continue to ensure all new Type Approval applications are submitted to the Mexican Regulator *Instituto Federal de Telecomunicaciones* (IFT) before 19th October 2016 to ensure compliance to NOM-EM-016-SCFI-2015.

Renewal applications will still be able to be filed for Approvals issued under NOM-EM-016-SCFI-2015 despite the expiry date of this emergency standard.

It has been also confirmed that all approvals obtained under the NOM-EM-016-SCFI-2015 and previous NOM-121-SCT1-2009 standards will also remain valid once the PROY-NOM-208-SCFI-2015 is formally published.

PCS will continue to remain aware of any developments and a further Regulatory Update will be published once additional information is obtained.

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