

Regulatory Alert - Mexico

Risk that replacement to emergency standard NOM-EM-016-SCFI-2015 will not be published before expiry date.

Further to PCS' Regulatory Alert released on 19th May 2016, PCS has been informed that there is risk that the definitive replacement for emergency standard NOM-EM-016-SCFI-2015 will not be formally published by the *Ministry of Economy* before the expiry date of 19th October 2016. This standard applies to all devices operating in the frequency bands 2400-2483.5MHz, 5725-5850MHz and 902-928MHz.

The definitive replacement, PROY-NOM-208-SCFI-2015, was initially expected to be formally published before the expiration of NOM-EM-016-SCFI-2015 on 19th October 2016, however, it's now expected that PROY-NOM-208-SCFI-2015 will not be formally implemented until approximately 2 months after this 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. If the PROY-NOM-208-SCFI-2015 is not 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.

For now, manufacturers are therefore advised 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. Approvals obtained under the NOM-EM-016-SCFI-2015 standard will remain valid once the PROY-NOM-208-SCFI-2015 is formally published, and import and sale will be able to continue. Furthermore, renewal applications will still be able to be filed for Approvals issued under NOM-EM-016-SCFI-2015.

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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