

Regulatory Update – Colombia

LONA (Letter of No Action) must be obtained for data-only cellular devices before enforcement of new Approval regulation on 7th January 2017

Further to PCS' Regulatory Update issued on 20th October 2016 concerning the introduction of mandatory Type Approval requirements for data-only mobile terminal devices in Colombia, additional information has been received from the Regulator *Comisión de Regulación de Comunicaciones* (CRC) on the full impact of regulation Resolución 5031, 2016, which is to come into effect from 7th January 2017.

It has been advised that mobile terminal devices with data for which an LONA (Letter of No Action) has already been obtained will be exempt from Type Approval under the new Resolución 5031, 2016 and can continue to be imported into and commercialised in Colombia without need for further action.

In preparation for the enforcement of the new regulation, it has therefore been advised by the CRC that manufacturers obtain an LONA for any mobile terminal devices with data (whether already commercialised within Colombian market or for future products) ahead of the implementation of the new Type Approval regulation on 7th January 2017 and where an LONA is not already in place. This will remove the need to seek Type Approval after 7th January 2017.

Should an LONA not be obtained prior to 7th January 2017, such devices will require Type Approval under the new regulation.

Mobile terminal devices with voice function still require formal Type Approval under current Resolución 4507, 2014 and will continue to do so under the new Resolución 5031, 2016.

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