

Regulatory Update

Tonga – Type Approval Guideline Issued

Following PCS Regulatory Update dated 23rd September 2015 introducing the mandatory Type Approval requirement and process in Tonga, the Ministry of Information & Communication (MIC) has recently issued an Official Guideline.

As mentioned in the guideline, all communication equipment with Radio or Satellite must be type approved by MIC prior to being imported and marketed for use in the Kingdom of Tonga.

However, the following types of equipment are exempted from Approval requirement:

- I. Laptops or personal computers, tablets, and car radios with short range radio technology such as Wi-Fi and Bluetooth.
- II. Digital displays or LCD screens for Digital cameras, Printers, car Audios.
- III. Receiver-only radio equipment intended to be used solely for the reception of sound (radio) and terrestrial TV broadcasting services, including satellite dishes and aerials.
- IV. Short range (50 meters) infrared remote control equipment, including TV remote controls, toys, car door openers, garage door openers, etc.
- V. Terminal equipment used by licensed radio amateurs for personal use.

PCS are still clarifying with MIC whether there is a grace period for products already being commercialised in the country without Type Approval, further information will follow as soon as this is confirmed.

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