

Regulatory Alert – Israel

Change of opening hours and procedure at the Ministry of Communications

The Israeli Regulator for Radio Approvals, the Ministry of Communications (MoC), has in the last week changed their opening hours to the public. This is due to a month-long backlog of applications, dating back to the end of April. Previously, the MoC would be open daily for questions, however now they have advised that they will only be available on Monday and Wednesday each week to the public.

We have also been informed that applications are now to be submitted by fax alone. In an attempt to streamline the approval procedure, we have been told that applications will now have to be submitted in this manner, rather than hard copy.

Both of these changes have been implemented with immediate effect and it is still unknown whether or not the procedure will revert back once the Authority has cleared the backlog of applications. There has been talk of changing the procedure even further, to allow applications to be submitted via email through a supplier portal, but at this moment we are not sure if or when this will happen.

With this information, PCS believe that delays are likely, but are unable to predict the extent at which they will occur.

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