

Regulatory Update - Botswana

Updated Type Approval Guidelines issued - impact on certificate validity periods and new labelling requirements

Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority (BOCRA), has recently introduced updated Type Approval Guidelines, which include changes to the certificate validity periods depending on the product type. These changes came into force as of 1st April 2017.

The revised certificate validity periods for each product type are located in Annex 1 of this Regulatory Update. From 1st April 2017, Type Approval certificates (New & Renewal) issued by BOCRA shall be valid for the 'assumed lifetime' of each product type (e.g. Type Approval certificates for Low Power Devices (SRD) will be valid for a period of 2 years).

Upon renewal, existing Type Approval certificates with a 1 year validity period will be renewed in accordance with the new validity periods, depending on the product type.

PCS have also been informed that BOCRA are in the process of implementing a new labelling requirement. Upon implementation, all Type Approved equipment should be marked as shown below unless an exemption has been granted by BOCRA. E-labelling is also permitted.

BOCRA
REGISTERED No :
nnnnnn

Note: Where “nnnnnn” appears, this must be replaced by the registration number allocated by BOCRA to the Approved device in question. The label should be durable and the text no less than 2mm in height.

BOCRA have not yet advised a confirmed implementation date for the new labelling requirements. PCS will remain aware of any developments and will keep customers updated as soon as further information has been released.

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Annex 1

Item	Examples	Assumed Lifetime
Alarm Systems	Alarm Transmitters, Alarm Receivers	5
Answering Machines	Telephone Answering Machine	5
Basic Telephone	Traditional Telephone Set	5
Cordless Telephone	DECT phone Set	5
Faxes	Fax Machine, Combined Fax/Printers	5
Low Power Devices (SRD)	NFC, Remote Control	2
Data Modems (incl. switches, routers)	ADSL Modems	5
Basic Routers	Network Routers	5
Multiplex Equipment (Voice and Data)	VoIP Terminals	7
Radio Interface Equipment	Access Points	7
Radio Transmitters (incl. Broadcasting)	Radio and TV transmitters	7
Wireless Microphones	Cordless Microphones	5
Cellular Phones	Smartphones	2
Switches with less than 24 ports	Switch	7
Switches with more 24 or more ports	Switch	7
Wireless Terminals	Fixed Wireless Telephone Set	5
PABX with less than 24 ports	PABX, IP PABX	7
PABX with 24 - 47 ports	PABX, IP PABX	7
PABX with 48 - 127 ports	PABX, IP PABX	7
PABX with 128 - 255 ports	PABX, IP PABX	7
PABX with 256 or more ports	PABX, IP PABX	7
Satellite Earth Station	Earth Station	7
VSAT Terminal	VSAT Transmitter	7
Decoder/Set- Top-Box Receivers (STB)	Terrestrial STB, Satellite STBs, TV Decoder	5