

Regulatory Update - Mexico

NOM-208-SCFI-2016 to be implemented at the end of January 2017.

The final comments to Mexican Regulation NOM-208-SCFI-2016 have been published on 16th January 2017 in Mexico's official gazette (*Diario Oficial de la Federación, DOF*) and the NOM-208-SCFI-2016 will be formally implemented within 15 working days. Formal implementation can therefore be expected by 31st January 2017. This regulation applies to all devices which operate within the frequency bands 2400-2483.5MHz, 5725-5850MHz and 902-928MHz.

The NOM-208-SCFI-2016 will replace emergency standard NOM-EM-016-SCFI-2015, which expired on 19th October 2016, and will draw its technical references from technical disposition IFT-008-2015.

Although the NOM-208-SCFI-2016 will be formally implemented by 31st January 2017, local test laboratories and Certification Bodies must also obtain accreditation under this standard to issue Test Reports and Conformity Certificates. The expected time-frame for the accreditations to complete is unknown at this time.

In the meantime, manufacturers will still be able to file new Type Approval applications to Regulator *Instituto Federal de las Telecomunicaciones* (IFT) under technical disposition IFT-008-2015. Local test reports and Approval certificates issued under IFT-008-2015 will require updating to reference NOM-208-SCFI-2016 once the accreditations have been obtained. There

will be a small cost incurred for these updates, however no re-testing will be required and the final Approval certificate number will not change once the updates are complete.

All approvals issued under NOM-EM-016-SCFI-2015 and the previous NOM-121-SCT1-2009 standards remain valid. Renewal applications will still be able to be filed under NOM-EM-016-SCFI-2015 and there is no need to re-certify under NOM-208-SCFI-2016. Furthermore, there are no changes expected to the Approval process.

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