

Regulatory Update

Vietnam MIC - Circular 46/2016/TT-BTTTT released to replace Circular 03/2012/TT-BTTTT

Further to PCS Regulatory Update dated 28th December 2016 concerning the draft to replace current Circular 03/2012/TT-BTTTT Regulation; on 24th January 2017, the Ministry of Information and Communications (MIC) officially released the Circular 46/2016/TT-BTTTT to replace Circular 03/2012/TT-BTTTT. This will come into effect on 14th February 2017.

Notables changes contained in the Circular 46/2016/TT-BTTTT are as follows:

- 1) Output power limit for WLAN products operating in 2400 – 2483.5 MHz is increased from 100 mW to 200 mW
- 2) For UHF RFID, from the effective date of this circular, the band 920-925 MHz will be changed to 918-923 MHz.*
- 3) Wireless charging technology is permitted on the following frequency bands:
9 - 148.5 kHz, 326.5 kHz, 340 kHz, 6.765 - 6.795 MHz
- 4) 924-925 MHz is no longer available for Cordless Telephone
- 5) New band of 4200-4800 MHz is allocated to ultra-wide band devices
- 6) New bands are allocated to frequency alerting and detecting devices
- 7) New bands are allocated to wireless audio devices for hearing assistance
- 8) New bands are allocated to Equipment Automatic Identification (AIS)
- 9) New bands are allocated to Automatic identification equipment development report for search and rescue (AIS-SART)

All RFID products currently Approved for and using the band 920-925 MHz shall be allowed to be continuously imported, distributed and used in Vietnam until the expiry dates of these Approval certificates.

There will be no impact on existing Type Approval certificates issued based on current Circular 03. For new applications, Type Approval certificates will be granted based on the Circular 46.

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