

Regulatory Update

Ecuador– Printing and Digitisation Equipment imported into Ecuador under specific HS codes are subject to further compliance certification

INEN, Instituto Ecuatoriano de Normalización, have released an update to the INEN 202 Norm (Resolution No. 14 460), advising that **mains-powered** (rated voltage not exceeding 600 V) scanners, printers, photocopiers and fax machines which are imported into Ecuador under the following HS codes are subject to safety compliance certification:

84.43
8443.32.19
8443.32.20
8443.32.90
8443.39.10
8443.39.90
8443.12.00
8443.19.90
8443.31.00
84.71
8471.60.90
84.72
8472.10.00

The regulator has so far not passed any further comment or offered any additional explanatory detail when pressed for clarification regarding exactly what products they are considering under the terms of mains powered.

In the absence of any further information, we believe it is reasonable for manufacturers to apply their own interpretation of the terminology regarding the mains-powered clause in the regulations.

Should we learn in due course full details concerning the mains-powered clause and its impact, we will post an updated regulatory notice accordingly.

We have received confirmation that the process for demonstrating conformity is a pre-import check that should be carried out by the importer themselves. It is not a Type Approval requirement.



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