Regulatory Update

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Malaysia – Changes to Type Approval Effecting Modular Approvals and Tablet PC Approvals

Prior to an official announcement we have recently learned that The Standards and Industrial Research Institute of Malaysia (SIRIM) has implemented the following changes with immediate effect:

"Add-Host" approval abolished:

Previously, where a manufacturer approved a radio module, they would then often undertake an 'Add-Host' application listing host devices which use the module on the certificate for the module. Such an approach is no longer acceptable. Now each host will need a separate approval. The approval for the host will leverage the approval for the module and applications for multiple hosts submitted at the same time will follow a simpler "Parallel by Comparison" approval path. However, in all cases a sample of each host will need to be supplied.

This change follows the recent similar change effecting Notebook PCs only, such that a single common policy is in place with all host devices needing their own approval.

Tablet PC Test Reports:

In addition SIRIM will no longer accept EU or FCC test reports for a module contained in a tablet, in support of a SIRIM approval application for the Tablet PC. Test reports must be for the Tablet PC (and list its model number). Please note, this change does not affect Notebook PCs, which can still use test reports for the radio module.

This new requirement is introduced with immediate effect.

Official regulations confirming all changes are due to be published shortly, more details will follow accordingly.

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