PCS Quarterly Newsletter

March 2015

Happy Easter to all!

Please find enclosed our latest edition of PCS Newsletter with all activity that has taken place over the last few months.

EMEA Region

Eurasian Customs Union, Armenia—Jan 2015

Following our last newsletter whereby it was confirmed that Armenia is now included in the *"Agreement on Eurasian Economic Union",* it has been confirmed that despite this news the Armenian national Type Approval regulations will remain unchanged for 2015. Type Approval regulations are expected to change in 2016, and full impact will be announced at a later date.

Eurasian Customs Union, Russia —Jan 2015

Eurasian Customs Union technical regulation to the standard **018-2011** on safety of wheeled vehicles has been approved and entered into force from 01-Jan-2015.

This standard was introduced to:

1. ensure ERA-GLONASS system usage on all vehicles imported into Eurasian Customs Union
2. ensure execution of other safety aspects on wheeled vehicles imported into Eurasian Customs Union
3. guarantee functional compatibility of Russian ERA-GLONASS and EU eCall systems

PCS are currently investigating the procedure and requirements to support applications.

PCS News

Due to increased efficiencies, further reductions in pricing has been implemented at PCS for many countries in EMEA and CIS region during Q01 2015:

- Armenia
- Bahrain
- Belarus
- Cameroon
- Gabon
- Haiti
- Jordan
- Kuwait
- Lesotho
- Morocco
- Russia Ministry
- Senegal
- Tunisia
- Uzbekistan

Please se your PCS account manager for more details!!

Eurasian Customs Union, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan — Q01 2015

There are currently negotiations taking place between Member States for Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan to join Eurasian Customs Union .

A draft agreement has not yet been put forward to any of these countries and therefore their participation is not expected until next year.

Namibia—Feb/Mar 2015

Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia (CRAN) have released the requirements for mandatory Type Approval which will be in force and effective immediately. The previous statement advised whereby manufacturers were granted until 3rd August 2015 to obtain Approval is now no longer applicable.
This applies to all radio telecommunication equipment for importation and sale without exemption. Manufacturers of products already being sold in Namibia are granted a transition period until 30th November 2015 to secure new and valid Approvals.

Approval Certificates received from the Authority are valid for 3 years.

South Africa—Mar 2015

Following the introduction of the new NRCS online submission platform for LoAs, PCS had the opportunity to meet with the Authority to discuss this topic further. Both PCS and NRCS are confident that this new platform will have a positive impact on future lead times.

Guinea Bissau—Q01 2015

The Type Approval procedure has been on hold for several weeks now as the Authority undergo internal restructuring. It is understood that Type Approval activities will be resumed following a formal meeting by the Board of Administration. No further news is expected until 7th April at the earliest.

UAE—Feb 2015

The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) in UAE has now activated its online renewal system as of 05 February 2015.
Certificate Authorization Number will remain the same after renewal. TRA is planning to introduce a regulation whereby any renewal application submitted after 45 days of expiry is faced with a penalty fee. PCS continue to monitor this closely for updates.

Niger—Q01 2015

It was advised in early 2015 that the Type Approval procedure is suspended while the Ministry of Communications deliberates on the organisation responsible for the certification of Type Approval applications. PCS are liaising closely with the Autorité de Régulation des Télécommunications (ARM) in Niger to determine exactly when normal service will be resumed and whether any changes will be implemented following this suspension.

Swaziland—Q01 2015

Following PCS update in December's newsletter, the Authority in Swaziland, SCCOM, has still been under a restructuration process for most of Q01. As a temporary solution, the Authority were issuing Approval Letters instead of formal Type Approval Certificates. PCS are pleased to announce that as of the end of March, official Approval certificates are now being issued again.

Ghana—Q01 2015

Following a change in regulation by the Authority, whereby a local presence is required, PCS have already established a local solution and based on initial feedback, lead time is expected to improve as a result.

PCS News

With an aim to always deliver within the best time frame possible, and following several successfully completed projects, PCS have also reduced lead times in the following countries:

- Congo
- Democratic Rep. of the Congo
- Mali
- Palestine

Despite the obstacles that manufacturers face when seeking Type Approval, PCS always endeavour to continue with a smooth process wherever possible. A good example of this has been Iraq, and despite the political unrest PCS has maintained an excellent relationship with both the regulator and local contacts. This has ensured a fast and efficient Approval process.

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PCS News

India BIS announced at the end of December that they has published a guideline for implementing Amendment 1 to IS 13252 (Part 1): 2010 for Information Technology Equipment Safety.
BIS will no longer accept test reports to IS 13252 (Part 1): 2010. All products within the scope of this standard must be tested to IS13252 (Part 1): 2010 + A1: 2013 for any BIS registrations.

For registrations made before 3 December 2014, the following actions should be taken:
1. Send any affected models to a BIS recognised lab for additional testing as per the guideline.
2. Send letter of undertaking as per the guideline and updated test report to BIS.
3. BIS will then review the updated test report and provide a stamped photocopy of the same as acknowledgement.

No further action is required from BIS.

Please note the above actions must be taken before or by 31 May 2015. Failure to do so will result in a cancellation notice to be issued to the manufacturer within 15 days and further actions including cancellation of registration to be taken depending on how the manufacturer responds to the notice.

APAC Region

India BIS— Jan 2015

BIS announced on 28 January 2015 that the registration under Compulsory Registration Scheme will be granted for two years with immediate effect.
This means that registrations granted before 28 January 2015 now have a 2 year validity as opposed to one. Any registration letter granted on and after 28 January 2015 will now show a two year validity.

India BIS—Mar 2015

The Department of Electronics and Information Technology (Deity) in India issued their latest FAQ (Revision 9) to the Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2012 on 25th March 2015. Significant developments include:

*   Mobile computing devices like Batch or GSM and WiFi based mobile computers are covered under the registration.
*   HF RFID and UHF RFID based devices like fixed mount or mobile computers are covered under the registration.
*   Wireless access points, controllers, switches are not covered under the registration.
*   Automatic Data Processing (ADP) Machines cover:
    a. Data Preparation Equipment
    b. Data Processing Equipment
    c. Data Storage Equipment
    d. Personal Computer*
    e. Plotter
    f. Printer
    g. Scanner
    h. VDU
    *Personal Computers (desktops) are specially exempted from the coverage under the registration
    Wireless devices like Wi-Fi modems, BT headset, BT speaker, BT mouse, USB data card and USB LAN card are not covered under the Registration.
    All-in-one computers, workstations, thin-clients, mini PCs are covered under the registration.
*   Rechargeable batteries, single cells (other than button) like Lithium ion batteries, Nickel-Cadmium and Nickel-Metal Hydride cells are covered under the registration scheme together with AC power adapters.

Products which use such batteries and power adapters can already be registered by BIS whereby the battery and/or power adapter was previously accepted via its IEC conformity certificate. However, grandfathering of the battery and/or power adapter will not be allowed under the BIS scheme.
These components will need to have their own BIS registrations to be imported into India (even when imported with already BIS registered host devices).

Taiwan—Feb 2015

The National Communication Commission (NCC) in Taiwan announced at the end of 2014 that the band 5150 - 5250 MHz was opened for use by wireless communication equipment. From this time, such equipment operating in this band could be tested and certified for use in Taiwan.

Although the band has been opened, the official Taiwan technical standard (LP0002) is yet to be formally published to include 5150 - 5250 MHz.

Until formal publication, NCC have stated that the parameter / test rules for the new band will follow FCC Part 15E.

For new approval of products containing 5150 - 5250MHz band, local labs will test all permitted 5GHz bands against FCC standard before updated LP0002 is published.

For products that are already certified in Taiwan without inclusion of the 5150 - 5250 MHz band, NCC is yet to determine how the new band can be added to the existing Approval and further meetings concerning this are expected at the end of March. More details will follow once this becomes known.

Thailand—Q01 2015

The Director of NBTC has proposed to implement a checklist and additional monitoring procedure for the SDoC procedure. This proposal is currently under discussion and schedule for the new checking is still undecided. PCS will continue to investigate and keep customers informed.

Vietnam —Dec 2014

Technical regulation QCVN18:2010 on EMC was replaced with QCVN 18:2014 on 16 December 2014. QCVN 18:2014 applies to all RF devices with a power of more than 60mW. For any renewal applications this means additional testing for QCVN18:2014 will be needed.

PCS News

Further reductions in lead time have been applied to our APAC region too, in particular the following countries:

 - Malaysia
 - Indonesia renewals
 - Philippines

We are pleased to advise that price reductions have also been implemented in the following countries:

 - Vietnam
 - Malaysia
 - Cambodia Safety Approvals

Please speak to your PCS account manager for further details and quotation.

Americas and LATAM Region

Ecuador—Dec 2014

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
8443.12.90
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 regarding exactly what products they are considering under the terms of mains powered.

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.

Ecuador— Feb 2015

The Ecuadorian Regulatory Authority, SUPERTEL (Superintendencia de Telecomunicaciones), has now been replaced by ARCOTEL (Agencia de Regulación y Control de las Telecomunicaciones).
There is no foreseen impact on the Type Approval Process and products which have already Type Approvals in place are not affected.
There continues to be no specific labelling requirements for Ecuador.

Argentina—Feb 2015

Following release of Resolution № 82/2015 on 4th February this year, Argentine Regulator, CNC, has confirmed new minimum compulsory guidelines for the marking of products requiring Type Approval, effective from 4th May onwards.
Any new and renewal applications submitted to CNC after 4th May 2015 will be affected by this regulation.

The new minimum requirements on products markings are:

1) product must be visible and indelible

2) product must contain CNC Isologotype:
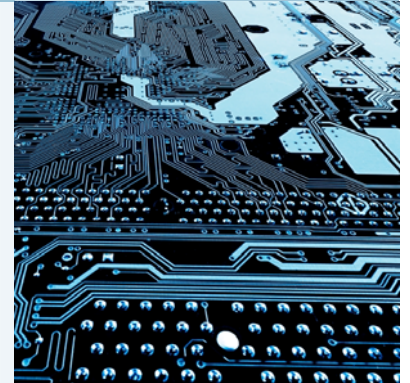

or Isotype:

3) product must contain CNC register number

Panama—Q01 2015

It has been confirmed by the Authority in Panama, ASEP, that cellular-only devices do not require Type Approval in Panama. This decision stems from the release of Resolution No.8105 in November 2014.

PCS News

Nicaraguan Authority, Telcor, have been reconsidering their requirements for Type Approval applications. As such, the mandatory documentation for submission is expected to be much stricter and similar to those of Venezuela. Full effects and requirements are being investigated by PCS, and further details are expected to feature in our next newsletter!

No official statement has been released yet by Telcor.

Please discuss with your PCS account manager for more details.

Cecilia Ma from our Shanghai office and Di Dai from our UK office will both be attending **COMPUTEX** on 2nd—6th June in Taipei, Taiwan this year.
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Thank you for taking the time to read these articles. Please feel free to contact your account manager at PCS if you have any questions.

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