

PCS Quarterly Newsletter

June 2015



Dear Customers,

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

EMEA Region

Guinea Bissau— Q02 2015



Type Approval activities have now been reinstated in Guinea Bissau after being on hold for several months whilst the Authority underwent internal restructuring. The procedure has resumed as per previous regulations following a formal meeting by the Board of Administration. Type Approval certificates are being issued again and PCS will continue to monitor this closely for any further updates.

Eurasian Customs Union, Armenia —Q02 2015



It has been confirmed (unofficially) that the Armenia Authority is working on maintaining separate RF Type Approval requirements that will mandate the need for National Level Type Approval for RF equipment in Armenia in addition to Eurasian

Customs Union Approval.

Once the Eurasian Customs Union standard for EMC and Safety is harmonized in Armenia, manufacturers will need to obtain:

- a. RF Approval to National standards
- b. EMC / Safety Approval to Eurasian Customs Union harmonized standards

The harmonization process is expected to complete by 01-Jan-2016, PCS will continue to monitor until the date is confirmed officially.

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PCS News

Due to increased efficiencies, further reductions in lead time have been applied during Q02 2015:

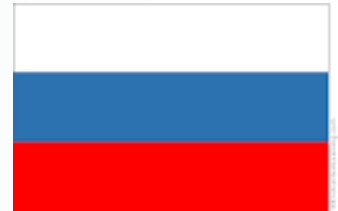
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- Suriname

Please speak to your PCS account manager for further details!

Russia—June 2015

802.11ac and 802.11ad standards are now regulated and can be Approved by the Russian Ministry as of 14-Jun-15.

There is no impact to Approvals obtained before the implementation date and these can be updated on a voluntary basis.



Tunisia—Q02 2015

There has been a recent change in the Type Approval regulations in Tunisia regarding the requirement of samples for testing. The Republic of Tunisia Ministry of Communication Technologies are now requesting samples that enable conducted measurements to be taken for all WLAN and Bluetooth telecommunications products. This should have no significant impact on the lead time for approvals however PCS will closely monitor this for any possible changes.



South Africa—May 2015

The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA) has published new regulations stating that the Type Approval of WLAN telecommunication products operating in frequency band 4 (5725-5875MHz) is now permitted in the country, having previously been prohibited. The requirements for this band will adhere to FCC standards 15.247 and 15.249.



Testing and Certification with South Africa Bureau of Standards (SABS) has been placed on temporary suspension following a complaint of non-compliance to official processes and procedures. The duration of this precautionary delay is yet to be determined as it is dependent on the outcome of the ongoing investigation however PCS will continue to closely monitor this situation.

Chad — Q02 2015



We are pleased to inform that we have established a reliable solution for all Type Approval applications in Chad. Through the use of PCS's local solution, we are now able to successfully obtain Type Approval certificates in a reduced lead time of 4 weeks.



Eurasian Customs Union, Kyrgyzstan — May 2015



It was confirmed that Kyrgyzstan joined Eurasian Customs Union on 12-May-2015 by signing the Agreement, however there is no confirmation yet on the date this will come into force. Until further notice, National Level Type Approvals will still be required in Kyrgyzstan. PCS will continue to monitor the progress closely.

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PCS preferred CAB in Ukraine have recently introduced changes whereby it is no longer required to carry out annual technical inspections for Certification.

Certificates are now valid indefinitely.

Following previous issues regarding sample shipments into Ukraine and whereby the local testing requirement was removed, we can confirm that the situation has now stabilised.

With this in mind, for all new Certification and R&TTE Declaration applications, the local testing requirement has now been reinstated.

Libya—Q02 2015



A new and reliable Type Approval solution has successfully been established in Libya. Through the use of PCS's local solution in the country, we are now in a position to be able to apply for and obtain Type Approval certificates from the Regulator.

Niger—Q02 2015



It has been advised that the Type Approval procedure remains suspended in Niger whilst the Ministry of Communications continues to deliberate on the organisation responsible for all Type Approval activities. No further news regarding this suspension is expected until July at the very earliest; however PCS remain in close liaison with the Autorité de Régulation des Télécommunications (ART) to monitor any updates that may occur.



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Nepal

Ministry of Information and Communications (MOIC) has advised that non specific short range, low power and RFID devices with less than 15m working range are exempt from Approval in Nepal and can be freely imported.

Following the 2 earthquakes recently, PCS can confirm that the Regulator, NTA, have moved premises and Type Approval can be resumed.

We continue to monitor the situation closely, however due to the disruption we do expect some delays while the Authority work through the backlog.

APAC Region

India BIS— Apr 2015

Following the update to FAQ Revision 9 to Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2012, we can confirm:

- 1) Voice enabled WWAN products (for example Mobile Computers) fall under the Mobile Phone category
- 2) Mobile computers with data only WWAN and similar devices will fall under the APD category.



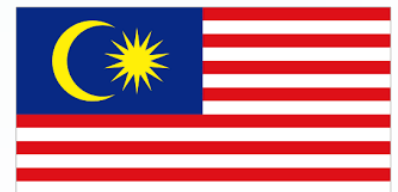
India BIS— Jun 2015

Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has withdrawn its TALKAL (express /expedite) route to approval with immediate effect and until further notice. It is understood that BIS took this action as they are overloaded with work and cannot process the required number of applications under the expedite route. Current expectations are for a 5 week processing time at BIS, though with the deadline for the upcoming scope expansion fast approaching, further delays may be seen as the volume of work further increases.

Malaysia—May 2015

The Malaysia Communications & Multimedia Commission (MCMC), has confirmed the 5470-5650 MHz band is now officially opened in Malaysia for Short Range Devices (including WLAN).

For Short Range Radio Communications devices operating within the 5470-5650MHz frequency band, the devices must use Dynamic Frequency Selection (DFS) and Transmit Power Control (TPC). The Max. Field Strength / RF Output power for the range 5470-5650 MHz is 1 W (EIRP).



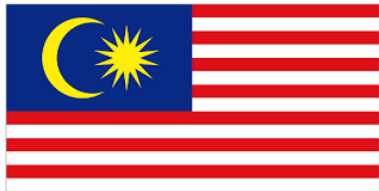
Indonesia—Apr 2015

SDPPI have implemented changes to the renewals process with immediate effect. All Type Approval certificates can now only be "renewed" once following a paperwork only process, after which local testing must be repeated at the time of the next renewal.



The validity period for all certificates remains at 3 years, local testing is required every 6 years.

Malaysia—Apr 2015



SIRIM, The Malay Authority for Type Approval applications has implemented a new Self-Labeling Program (SLP).

The Self-Labeling Program will replace the conventional labelling system and will apply to all telecommunication and RF equipment imported into and sold in Malaysia, including those products previously approved.

As of 01 June 2015, physical label issuance by SIRIM will cease and no longer be valid. This will be replaced in full by the Self-Labeling Program. Only the local Approval holder will be able to apply to use the Self-Labeling Program.

The transition period to Self-Labeling Program has started and applications and registration for SLP may now be made by Local Approval Holders via SIRIM.

The SLP certification mark itself consists of the MCMC logo and Unique ID

Example of SLP certificate mark (8mm x 8mm minimum size):



ABCD12345678 = Unique ID – CID/HID
 ABC = CID-Common ID or HID Certificate holder ID
 D = Manufacturer: M-Local, F-Foreign
 12 = Year
 345678 = Running Number

Difference between CID & HID:

CID (Common ID) – assigned to principal per country
 HID (Certificate Holder ID) - assigned to Certificate Holder, regardless of any Principals / Manufacturers upon application.

Both e-labelling and surface labelling will be permitted.



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

- Brunei
- India WPC
- Indonesia
- Singapore
- Solomon Islands
- Thailand

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



PCS News

PCS Regulatory Engineer, Sam Cowan, will be visiting local labs and OCDs in Brazil during the first part of July 2015.

For any queries you may have, please speak to your account manager and we will do our best to take the opportunity to address all topics face to face with the experts!

Americas and LATAM Region

Costa Rica—April 2015

The Costa Rican Authority, Superintendencia de Telecomunicaciones (SUTEL) have announced the introduction of a new online submission system for all Type Approval applications. PCS are currently investigating the new requirements concerning Type Approval applications, as well as updates on lead-time when applying for Type Approval using the new system.



Nicaragua—Q02 2015

Following on from March's newsletter, the Nicaraguan Authority, Instituto Nicaragüense de Telecomunicaciones y Correos (TELCOR), have been reconsidering their requirements for Type Approval. It has now been confirmed that it is a mandatory requirement to provide a hard-copy legalised and notarised Letter of Authorisation/Power of Attorney to support all Type Approval applications.



Please discuss with your PCS account manager for more details.

Brazil—Q02 2015

Following PCS newsletter in December '14, Brazilian Regulator, ANATEL, have confirmed that the new test requirements for IPv6 protocol will be mandatory for mobile network devices. However, the official date when the test requirements will be implemented has been postponed to January 1st, 2016.



Argentina—Jun 2015



Following the release of Decree 677/2015, issued on April 29, 2015, the Comisión Nacional de Comunicaciones (CNC), has now been replaced by a new institution, Autoridad Federal de las Tecnologías de la Información y las Comunicaciones, (AFTIC).

There is currently no foreseen impact on the Type Approval Process, and products which have already obtained Type Approval in Argentina under the CNC approval scheme are not affected and remain valid. Furthermore, current applications under review at the CNC will continue to be reviewed as normal.

Nevertheless AFTIC have not yet assigned a certificate signatory, therefore the issuance of certificates will be on hold until further notice and delays are to be expected during the Type Approval process while the internal restructure is underway. It is expected that a signatory will be assigned shortly.

All developments regarding the migration of the Type Approval process to AFTIC, together with news regarding the Type Approval process, will be provided shortly.

Also please note that the existing Authority's website has migrated to: <http://www.aftic.gob.ar/>

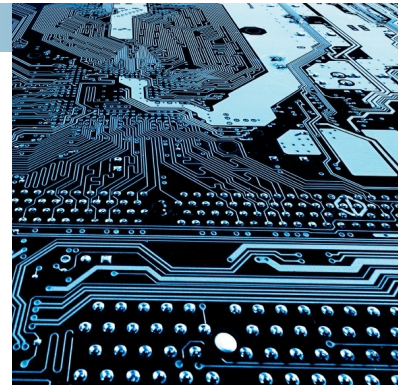
Bolivia—May/June 2015



The Bolivian Authority (ATT) has recently been experiencing delays in their application review time due to a heavy backlog of work.

Current estimated lead times to Type Approval are approximately 14 – 15 weeks.

PCS will continue to monitor the situation and keep customers updated accordingly.



PCS News

Industry Canada released new standard - RSS-247, Issue 1, to replace annexes 8 and 9 of RSS-210, Issue 8, concerning Licence-exempt Radio Apparatus (All Frequency Bands): Category I Equipment.

As of 28th May 2015, all devices covered under this scope will be certified under the new standard.

Please visit the Industry Canada website for full details.

PCS News



Since opening our office in China, 2014, we're pleased to report on the steady growth and added commitment to customers to offer a round-the-clock service. We now have sample pre-screening facilities and have expanded our Shanghai support team.

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