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Regulatory Update

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Vietnam - National Technical Regulation on lithium batteries used with telecommunication products released

The Ministry of Information and Communications (MIC) in Vietnam have recently released the National Technical Regulation QCVN 101:2016/TTBTTTT on lithium batteries. These regulations are based on IEC 61960 (06-2011) and IEC 62133 (2012) standards and due to come into force on 1st October 2016.

From the date of implementation, all telecommunication products which are subject to mandatory Type Approval requirements and which contain lithium batteries will require additional local testing against QCVN 101:2016/TTBTTT. This requirement applies to both new and renewal Type Approval applications.

This regulation shall not be applicable to lithium batteries as standalone devices.

There are currently no local laboratories in place to test to this new regulation, and so the implementation date is subject to change. PCS will continue to monitor all developments and further updates will be provided once additional information is obtained.

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