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## Regulatory Alert - Mexico

## NOM-EM-015-SCFI-2015 has now expired

NOM-EM-015-SCFI-2015, the Regulation relating to terminal equipment connecting / interconnecting via wired access to a public telecommunications network has now expired as of 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016. The NOM-EM-015-SCFI-2015 standard applies to devices such as home phones, modems, routers with POTS interface, FXO interface and devices which connect to the PSTN (public switched telephone network).

A replacement standard for the NOM-EM-015-SCFI-2015 has already been drafted - PROY-NOM-196-SCFI-2015 (hereinafter referred to as 'replacement NOM regulation') - which will be based upon the technical standards published in IFT-004-2016. The forecasted date for the formal issuance of the replacement NOM regulation by the Mexican *Ministry of Economy* is currently unknown.

During this interim period, it will be possible to Type Approve devices previously covered by NOM-EM-015-SCFI-2015 under the IFT standard IFT-004-2016 instead. Nevertheless, if a device obtains Type Approval under IFT-004-2016, re-approval will be required under the replacement NOM regulation once this is formally issued, in order to comply with Mexican Customs regulations.

There is no impact to devices which are already Type Approved under NOM-EM-015-SCFI-2015 and its predecessor, NOM-151-SCT1-1999. Import and sale can continue, and there will be no need to Approve under the new standard.



PCS will monitor any changes and a further Regulatory Update will be provided once more information has been obtained.

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