

Regulatory Update – Argentina

Issuance of new technical standard Q2-60.14V16.1 applicable to Low Power Devices

On 2nd August 2016, ENACOM (Ente Nacional de Comunicaciones) published a new technical standard Q2-60.14V16.1 for low power devices, and which supersedes technical standard Q2-60.14V12.1.

ENACOM have offered a grace period of 180 days from the date of publication whereby test reports to Q2-60.14V12.1 will continue to be accepted. After this grace period, reports to the new standard must be submitted for both new and renewal Type Approval applications.

Please note the most significant changes in this new technical standard:

- 1) Number of samples required for local testing has been reduced as follows:

EUT	Sample requirements for local testing in accordance with previous standard Q2-60.14V12.1	Sample requirements for local testing in accordance with new standard Q2-60.14V16.1
Devices transmitting on a single channel	3 samples	1 sample
Devices transmitting on multiple channels.	3 samples	1 sample, as long as the channel can be adjusted in the test SW of a single sample. If not, it is required to provide samples for low, middle and top channels: 1 sample for lower channel 1 sample for middle channel 1 sample for highest channel

- 2) Modular Approval is now acceptable and is sufficient for host devices. That is to say, a host device containing an Approved Low Power module does not need its own Type Approval certificate. In the case where Type Approval is being sought for the module, local testing must be carried out on the module itself*
- 3) Per Q2-60.14V12.1 where Type Approval is being sought for a host device, local testing must still be carried out on the host device. However, under Q2-60.14V16.1 some leniency has been offered whereby in cases that local testing of the host is not possible due to product dimensions, it is acceptable to perform local testing on the low power module instead.

* Please note that where modular Approval is being leveraged for host devices, manufacturers must ensure compliance with the technical requirements and field emission limits per the published standard.

Please contact PCS if you would like a copy of the new Technical Standard Q2-60.14V16.1.

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