

Regulatory Update - Chile

New labelling requirements for cell-phone devices to be implemented in Chile

The Chilean Regulator, *Subsecretaría de Telecomunicaciones (SUBTEL)*, released Resolución 1463 on 13th June 2016, which declares that new labelling requirements for cell-phone devices will be implemented within 270 days of its publication. It is expected that the Regulation will come into force at some point in the year 2017.

Upon the implementation of this new Regulation, devices containing 2G, 3G or 4G technology will be required to display a multi-band stamp on the front of the box/packaging of the device, in order to show the cellular technologies supported. Please see below for examples of each stamp, and their meaning:



Device supports 2G, 3G and 4G technologies.



Device supports 2G and 3G technologies only.



Device supports 3G and 4G technologies only.



Device supports 2G technology only.



Device supports 3G technology only.



Device supports 4G technology only.



PCS understands that either the manufacturer or the importer will be responsible for adding the multi-band stamp to the device packaging prior to import and sale in Chile, and that this requirement will affect all cellular devices (whether already approved or new). Cellular-only devices still do not require Type Approval in Chile, however Type Approval is required if the device contains other technologies such as Bluetooth, WLAN and RFID in addition.

Upon implementation of this Regulation, PCS also understands that it will be mandatory for cell-phone devices to operate in all permitted frequency bands of at least one cellular technology (2G, 3G or 4G) supported.

Further meetings are to take place within SUBTEL regarding this new requirement. PCS will continue to monitor any developments and will keep customers updated once further information becomes available.

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