

Regulatory Update - Mexico

NOM-196-SCFI-2016 to be implemented in January 2017.

On 7th November 2016, the Mexican *Secretaría de Economía* published NOM-196-SCFI-2016 in their *Diario Oficial de la Federación (DOF)*. This will replace emergency standard NOM-EM-015-SCFI-2015 which expired on 11th March 2016 and which regulates products and terminal equipment which connect/interconnect via wired access to a public telecommunications network. Such devices include analog telecom equipment such as home phones, modems, routers with POTS interface, FXO interfaces and any device that connects to the public switched telephone network.

NOM-196-SCFI-2016 will be formally implemented within 60 days of its publication date in the DOF. As such, we can expect formal implementation around January 6th 2017, however the confirmed implementation date has yet to be announced.

The new NOM-196-SCFI-2016 will draw its technical aspects from IFT standard IFT-004-2016. Until NOM-196-SCFI-2016 is formally implemented, it will be possible to file approvals under IFT-004-2016 however such devices would then require re-certification under NOM-196-SCFI-2016.

Approval certificates approved under NOM-EM-015-SCFI-2015 and its predecessor NOM-151-SCT1-1999 will remain valid until the expiry date listed. Import and sale can continue and there is no need to re-approve under NOM-196-SCFI-2016 once formally implemented.

PCS will continue to remain aware of any developments and a further Regulatory Update will be published once additional information is obtained.

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