

Regulatory Alert - Mexico

New IMEI requirements for Type Approval for cellular devices

Mexican Regulator *Instituto Federal de Telecomunicaciones* (IFT) has introduced new IMEI requirements which affects both the Type Approval process and importation of devices into Mexico. These new requirements are detailed in the technical disposition IFT-011-2017 part 1, enforced on 23rd July 2017. A copy of IFT-011-2017 part 1 can be found [here](#).

This new technical disposition introduces a new pre-requisite for Type Approvals for cellular devices in Mexico: for all Type Approval Applications for cellular devices, it is now mandatory to submit a provisional list of IMEI numbers for terminals which will be imported into Mexico. It will be sufficient to submit only one IMEI number in this provisional list.

Thereafter, local importers must provide the holder of the Approval certificate with a full list of IMEI numbers for terminals being imported into Mexico, within 10 days of the Type Approval certificate being obtained. The technical disposition also states that if the full list of IMEIs is not declared within this 10-day period, IFT will invalidate the Approval certificate. This must also be done for each import consignment into Mexico.

PCS is still investigating whether this affects future import consignments of already-Approved devices, and will keep customers updated once more information becomes available.

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