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Regulatory Alert - Chile

Local Testing for Smart Phones to be introduced

The Chilean Regulator, *Subsecretaría de Telecomunicaciones* (SUBTEL), has introduced new local testing requirements for the Type Approval of cellular devices, which will come into force from 23rd September 2017. These requirements are detailed in the latest amendment to Resolución 1463, published on 30th June 2017.

A summary of the local testing requirements is outlined below:

For Smart Phones:

- Type Approval at SUBTEL will still be required for any device operating in any of the bands indicated in Resolución 755 (for example, Smart Phones with Bluetooth, WLAN and WWAN capabilities). There is no change to this procedure.
- From 23rd September 2017, local testing will be required for all Smart Phones and must be carried out by a local Certification Body (CB) accredited by SUBTEL. This will be a separate process to the Type Approval scheme at SUBTEL:
 - Three as-sold samples will be required.
 - Local testing will consist of basic functional verification tests, to validate the cellular bands in which the device will operate nationally. After this testing has taken place, manufacturers can incorporate the multiband stamp on the product packaging. A full list of accredited CB's can be found <u>here</u>.



 Testing will also involve verification by the CB that Smart Phones are able to receive SAE *Sistemas de Alertas de Emergencia* (Systems of Emergency Alerts) messages. This is detailed in Resolución 1474 which can be found <u>here</u>.

Other non-Smart Phone cellular devices:

- 1. No local testing will be required.
- 2. Type Approval at SUBTEL will still be required for any device operating in any of the bands indicated in Resolución 755 (for example, a non-Smart Phone terminal with Bluetooth, WLAN and WWAN capabilities). There is no change to this procedure.

PCS are continuing to investigate the local testing procedure for Smart Phones and will keep customers updated once further information is available.

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