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UK Cybersecurity Regulation SI 2023 No.1007



Brief guide: Mandatory Compliance Process:

The UK Cybersecurity regulation SI 2023 No.1007 will come into force in May 2024.

Eligible Products: Any hardware, meaning a physical electronics information system, or parts, capable of processing, storing or transmitting digital data.

How to achieve conformity

Products should be carefully checked and assessed against the arrangements within the UK statutory instrument (law). There is an official standard EN303 645 V2.1.1 which a manufacturer should use to presume conformity with the UK SI 2023 No.1007.

Effectively the law requires the manufacturer to ensure a product meets the following requirements:

- Secure Passwords
- No universal default passwords
- S/W updates
- Security Issuer Reporting
- Security Update Procedures.

ICM are offering a regulatory compliance and reporting service against the new arrangements.

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Indonesia

New Equipment Certification Regulation, Number 3 of 2024

Back in late March the Indonesian regulator SDPPI published regulation Number 3 of 2024. Regulation number 3 replaces the previous regulation, PERMENKOMINFO No. 16 Tahun 2018. Some of the key takeaways from the regulations are:

•Regulation number 3 clarifies that the regulation applies to both Indonesian citizens and foreigners who manufacture, assemble, or import telecommunications equipment and/or devices for trade and/or use in Indonesia.

Reinforces the requirement for all telecommunications equipment and/or devices to meet the Technical Standards before being traded and/or used in Indonesia.

•Specifies that compliance with the Technical Standards is demonstrated through testing, which must be conducted for each brand, type, and country of origin of the equipment and/or device.

•Outlines the process for applying for a certificate, including the required documents and fees.

·Specifies the grounds for revoking a certificate.

•Determines the responsibilities of Kominfo in monitoring and enforcing compliance with the regulation.

Defines the administrative sanctions that may be imposed for violations of the regulation.



UAE – TS FS 004 - New Standard Advance Mobile Location



Last month the UAE Communications regulator 'TDRA' announced the new standard titled 'TS FS 004' for Mobile Terminals which are used in the Public Mobile Radio Communication System and services in cellular networks.

The TDRA has just announced that they have put this AML standard on hold for revision. The TDRA will communicate further updates in due course. While AML support is still regarded as mandatory, it shall continue to work following the prevailing rules and regulations and the setup that existed before this TS.



Trinidad and Tobago Wi-Fi 6E Devices Update



The Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (TATT) published the revised schedule of devices eligible for use under a Class-Licensed after the update for Wi-Fi 6e devices.

These devices are classified as type 1 or 2 and have different requirements as highlighted below:

Class 1 devices: End users or CPE devices, Maximum output power 24 dBm

Class 2 devices: Base stations devices, Maximum output power 30 dBm





Saudi Arabia

4&5G LTE Devices - Interoperability Testing Cellular Networks

The Saudi regulator CST is enforcing a requirement to have all cellular devices approved by the 3 main network operators prior to issuing equipment certificates.

The new requirements see manufacturers applying to the network operators Mobily, STC and Zain to obtain their permission for the devices to connect to these networks. As part of the requests to connect product samples need to be sent to the network operators for interoperability testing on the network. Once testing is completed the local network operator will write to the CST to confirm the equipment is accepted for connection to their network. Unfortunately, The additional procedure is lengthening the time and cost to market.



Communications and Media Authority Australia



5 Year Draft Spectrum Plans

The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) today laid out its draft plan for the management of Australia's spectrum – the wireless communications frequencies that carry mobile data, satellite transmissions and broadcast signals.

The draft 5 year plan canvasses a range of potential use cases, including increasing the spectrum available for 5G wireless broadband as well as new satellite technologies, both supporting greater network coverage and connectivity.

The draft plan looks at the potential future use of the upper 6 GHz frequency band. The upper 6GHz band is of growing importance in Australia for both 5G as well as the next generation of WiFi devices.

ACMA will also complete its program of allocations of important 3.4-4.0 GHz spectrum, which have been designed to accommodate a range of users and use cases. Applications for area-wide licences in the 3.8 GHz band of this spectrum will open shortly.

The draft publication will be available to access from late Aprile 2024 onwards.



Spotlight on Compliance - Latin America

For this month's Spotlight on Compliance we take a look at the Latin American region showcasing our knowledge and experience in handling equipment certifications in this region. The first thing to identify when performing equipment certifications in this region is, is the process paperwork OR is local testing mandatory? Other considerations are, the use of local representatives, translation requirements and the provision of test samples.

In the table below we try and demystify the certification processes in a number of Latin American markets.

Country	Paperwork or Samples?	Local Representative?	Translation of documentation?	Timescales
Bolivia	Paperwork only	Yes	Yes	5 weeks
Chile	Paperwork only	Yes	No	6 weeks
Columbia	Paperwork only	Yes	Yes	5 weeks
Ecuador	Paperwork only	Yes	Yes	5 weeks
Paraguay	Paperwork only	Yes	Yes	7 weeks
Peru	Paperwork only	Yes	No	6 weeks
Uruguay	Paperwork only	Yes	Yes	5 weeks
Guatemala	Paperwork only	Yes	Yes	5 weeks
Honduras	Paperwork only	Yes	Yes	10 weeks
Panama	Paperwork only	Yes	Yes	5 weeks

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