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Australia



Updates to Labelling Requirement Plus 8 Telco Standards

The Australian Communications Media Authority 'ACMA' has just announced the release of an updated telecommunications labelling notice (TLN) and 8 updated Telecommunications standards.

Amongst the changes to the TLN is the confirmation that the safety standard AS/NZS 62368.1:2022 is included under this amended law, plus the use of QR codes for labelling.

In addition to the labelling notice the ACMA has announced updates to the following 8 teleco standards,

 \cdot Telecommunications (Requirements for Customer Equipment for Use with the Standard Telephone Service – Features Designed for People with Disability – AS/ACIF S040)

 \cdot Telecommunications (Analogue Interworking and Non-interference Requirements for Customer Equipment for Connection to a Switched Telephone Network – AS/CA S002)

• Telecommunications (Requirements for Customer Access Equipment for Connection to a Telecommunications Network – AS/CA S003)

· Telecommunications (Voice Performance Requirements for Customer Equipment - AS/CA S004)

• Telecommunications (Requirements for Customer Cabling Products – AS/CA S008)

· Telecommunications (Requirements for Customer Equipment with Hierarchical Digital Interfaces - AS/ACIF S016)

• Telecommunications (Requirements for DSL Customer Equipment for Connection to a Switched Telephone Network – AS/CA S041)

• Telecommunications (Requirements for Customer Equipment for Connection to a Metallic Local Loop Interface of a Telecommunications Network – AS/CA S043)

The disability standard and technical standards come into effect on 30 March 2025. The TLN comes into effect on 31 March 2025.

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Equipment Registration Switch to Alternative Regulatory Agency



The Saudi Communications, Space and Technology Commission (CST) are currently undergoing a major transformation regarding its existing equipment certification procedures.

The CST are teaming up with the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) who will now provide equipment certification services under the SASO SABER platform. Applications for ICT equipment certification shall be performed under the SABER equipment registration portal. The new simplified application system streamlines the process of equipment registration.

To align with the updated regulations, companies operating in Saudi Arabia should adjust their internal procedures. Specifically, businesses need to:

·Register their ICT products on the SASO SABER platform.

·Work with authorized conformity assessment bodies.

•Ensure products meet the relevant technical standards.





EU RoHS Lead Exemptions

New Draft Expiry Dates Published

The European Commission has published draft renewal decisions for several EU RoHS Annex III exemptions for components and materials which include the use of lead, including critical exemptions such as 7(a), 7(c)-I, 7(c)-II, 6(a), 6(b), and 6(c).

The feedback period on the proposed expiry dates has now closed, all feedback submitted is currently being considered by the authorities when finalizing the draft delegated directives. In this round of published expiry dates industry will have a short window of 3-4 months in order to present it's case to push back and request further exemptions to expiry dates.

Some of the category draft expiry dates published are as follows:

·6(a): Expiry date (all categories): 12 months after entry into force of this delegated act

·6(a)-I: Expiry date (all categories): December 31, 2026

·6(a)-II: Expiry date (all categories): December 31, 2026

·7(a): Expiry date (all categories except Annex III No. 24): December 31, 2026

·7(a)-I: NEW; Expiry date (all categories except Annex III No. 24): December 31, 2027

·7(a)-II: NEW; Expiry date (all categories except Annex III No. 24): December 31, 2027

·7(a)-III: NEW; Expiry date (all categories except Annex III No. 24): December 31, 2027

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Thailand NBTC



LTE/NR Band 75/n75 on the horizon

The Thailand regulator NBTC will allocate a new frequency band LTE/NR band 75/n75 for LTE equipment in the near future. The Draft NBTC announcement covers the criteria and methods for granting permission to use frequencies for international mobile telecommunications services, 850 MHz, 1500 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 2300 MHz and 26 GHz, the draft NBTC announcement on the International Mobile Telecommunications (IMT) radio frequency plan in the frequency band 1427-1517 megahertz, the draft NBTC announcement on the International Mobile Telecommunications (IMT) radio frequency plan in the frequency band 1427-1517 megahertz.

Effective date: 4 August 2025

Band proposals shown below:

Description of change	Before	After
Frequency band that <u>require</u> test reports during NBTC class B approval for WWAN products	GSM 900, 1800 WCDMA B 1, 3, 5, 8 LTE B 1, 3, 5, 8, 40, 41 LTE LAA/eLAA B46 5G NR n1, n3, n5, n8, n28, n40, n41, n258	GSM 900, 1800 WCDMA B 1, 3, 5, 8 LTE B 1, 3, 5, 8, 40, 41, 75 LTE LAA/eLAA B46 5G NR n1, n3, n5, n8, n28, n40, n41, n258, n75



Direktorat Standardisasi Perangkat Pos dan Informatika

New RLAN Standard

The Indonesian communications regulatory SDPPI has just announced the release of Regulation Number 12 of 2025 by DJID. This regulation defines the technical standards for Radio Local Area Networks (RLAN), ensuring compliance with international telecommunications guidelines.

Key Changes in Indonesia Radio Frequency Rules are as follows:

The regulation introduces specific standards for multiple frequency bands, including:

·2400-2483.5 MHz ·5150-5250 MHz ·5250-5350 MHz ·5725-5825 MHz ·5925-6425 MHz ·57-64 GHz

Additionally, Appendix II outlines the technical requirements for RLAN 6 GHz, impacting manufacturers and importers of networking and communication equipment. These technical requirements detail the parameters such as output power, emission, and testing requirements.

Regulation Number 12 of 2025 will become the main regualtion for these bands in order to achieve product certification. Although international test procedures are referenced, the limits and conditions of operation for each band differ from established international standards.

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South Africa – Safety Equipment Certification Delays

The safety regulator in South Africa the NRCS are currently encountering difficuties with it's electronic portal for equipment certification, combined with local strikes the timescales for safety certification / LoA procedures are taking much longer than the normal 10-12 weeks to achieve.

As a temporary solution the NRCS has advised that for safety LoA applications to apply through an alternative govt portal



Spotlight on Compliance

Local Representative Requirements

One of the key questions we are asked by our partners is can product certificates be issued in the name of the manufacturer, or does a local company have to be used as the named certificate holder.

Where possible ICM's strategy is to have certificates issued in the name of the manufacturer. Where this is not possible ICM has our own network of local partners who can provide certificate holding services.

Throughout the years we have come across the situation where a manufacturers importer obtained a local equipment certificate, however the local importer would not give any other 3rd party importer a copy of the certificate. Leading to other importers having to obtain their own equipment certificate. Leaving the manufacturer held to hostage by an importer.

The advantage of using ICM's local partners is that issued equipment certificates will be given to all our partners importers, eliminating this risk. Below are some of the countries where we offer local representative services in:

Mexico	Brazil	Paraguay	Guatemala
Korea	Vietnam	Laos	Brunei
South Africa	Ivory Coast	Senegal	Ghana
Jordan	UAE	Oman	Lebanon
Aust-NZ	Cambodia	Singapore	Malaysia