



## Global Compliance News



### Botswana

## Updated Regulatory Requirements

The Botswana regulator 'BOCRA' has recently published an updated regulatory framework for equipment certification. BOCRA confirms that all telecommunications terminal equipment and all radio equipment (including broadcast equipment and Postal Equipment) must be registered for equipment certification.

The manufacturer or importer of telecommunication or broadcasting equipment for use, sale or hire in Botswana must register the equipment with BOCRA, prior to importing, unless the equipment concerned has already been registered in BOCRA's Type Approval Database.

BOCRA has clarified that equipment registration will normally be granted for the lifetime of the specific version of the equipment. Variations or upgrades of equipment must be specifically type-approved where such upgrades impact equipment safety, EMC, spectrum use, and/or standards.

If a product change introduces an additional network interface or requires the use of additional radio frequencies, then a new application for registration must be made before such equipment is put into operation in Botswana. There will be modification charges for the changes.

Test results must be obtained from a laboratory that has been accredited by a body that is a member of the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) Mutual Recognition Arrangement. The testing laboratories should be compliant with ISO/IEC 17025. Compliance to ISO/IEC 17025 is certified by an Accreditation Body that is a member of the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC)



## Nigeria – Updates to Equipment Certification Rules

The communications regulator in Nigeria has issued an update to its equipment certification procedures. The update clarifies who can apply for equipment certification. It also confirms the equipment types where samples are required to support the application for equipment certification. The NCC clarifies that samples for notebooks, tablets and mobile phones are to be provided to support applications for equipment certification of these equipment types.

The updated regulations also confirms that the EU Red directive 2014/53/EU has been adopted and replaces the Radio equipment, Telecommunications Terminal Equipment Directive.

For 5GHz radio equipment a new declaration is required during the application process to confirm that the equipment meets the Nigerian regulatory guidelines for deployment of broadband Services between the 5.2 – 5.9 GHz bands.



## Mexico

### 5925-6425MHz Band Unlicensed for Use

The Mexican regulator ‘IFT’ has issued a press release to announce that 5925-6425 MHz is now designated as unlicensed spectrum, open to use by anyone in Mexico without authorization or a license from IFT.

The use of this band is limited to low-power indoor systems and very low-power indoor systems. Outdoor use is currently excluded however the IFT is conducting further studies.

This decision almost doubles the amount of available spectrum for Wi-Fi services in Mexico when added to the 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz bands already in use and provides sufficient spectrum for free communication in the short and medium term, particularly for Wi-Fi and other technologies that use this type of spectrum.



## Paraguay



## IMEI GSMA Registration Now Required for Cellular Equipment Certification

The Paraguay body responsible for electronics equipment certification, ‘CONATEL’ has published an update to its resolution directorio No538/2017. The update now requires cellular applicants for equipment registration to have in place their IMEI registration prior to submitting applications for equipment registration. CONATEL will not process applications for cellular equipment registration without the IEMI registration certificates present.



## Vanuatu



### Bluetooth Devices Exempt From Equipment Registration

The body responsible for electronics equipment certification in Vanuatu, the office of Government and Information has issued a regulatory update to state that all Bluetooth only devices are exempt from equipment registration. The new law takes immediate effect so Bluetooth only radio devices are now exempt from the equipment certification procedure.

### ICM Global Certification – Use of Local In-Country Representatives

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 will not give any other 3rd party importer a copy of the certificate. So the manufacturer is held 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 is an example of some countries where local representatives are required:

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

### ICM – Continued Global Product Certification Success

Due to the dynamic nature of our industry, many manufacturers are not able to devote specific resources to manage compliance processes internally. They instead often look to outsource this element for assistance beyond regulatory testing of their equipment. The International Compliance Management Group are team of dedicated compliance experts with over 25 years experience working with test labs, regulators, distributors from around the world ensuring product certification in the quickest timeframes whilst maintaining cost efficiency for your company. If you would like to learn more about our services and how we can help your company in your equipment certification requirements please contact us : [markb@internationalcompliancemanagement.com](mailto:markb@internationalcompliancemanagement.com)