



Global Compliance News



Argentina

Updates to Equipment Certification Regulations

The Argentinian regulator recently issued a new general conformity assessment procedure 'Resolution No. 237'. Res 237 details new technical and procedural specifications for communication and electronics equipment. Some of the key takeaways from the new regulation are as follows:

Marking and Documentation Specifications:

- * Disposición 1/2024 specifies the design, placement, and content of product labelling, which must include a QR code linking to conformity documentation.

Roles and Responsibilities:

- *Manufacturers/Importers: Should ensure compliance, prepare declarations, and affix markings. Importers modifying products assume manufacturer responsibilities.

- *Conformity Assessment Bodies (OECs): Report accreditation details and test results to the National Directorate of Technical Regulations (DNRT).

The regulation outlines laboratory testing requirements, certification, inspection, and compliance control, including verification through sample testing. Procedures for certificate transfer or extension are also described in the Disposición 1/2024.

Equipment certification applications will be managed via the "Plataforma de trámites a distancia" (TAD).

Updated Equipment Registration Rules

The Qatar Communications Regulatory Authority (CRA) recently announced an update of the Class License for Short-Range Devices. This update follows a public consultation process in the second quarter of 2024 where stakeholders and interested parties provided feedback on a license draft. Key updates to the Class License include:

Additional frequency bands and greater flexibility related to permitted transmit power values to reflect recent technological advancements in SRDs. These changes will allow the import, sale, and use of a wider variety of SRDs in Qatar.

Alignment of technological applications and frequency bands for SRDs intended for import and use in Qatar with international standards and technical specifications.



Australia



ACMA Public Consultation Updates to Radio Spectrum

The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) has opened a public consultation on proposed changes to the Australian Radiofrequency Spectrum Plan. These updates aim to align Australia's spectrum allocations with international regulations established at the World Radiocommunication Conference 2023 (WRC-23) and address domestic planning adjustments. Key impacts include new allocations for mobile telecommunications, satellite services, and maritime and aeronautical communications.

The proposed changes affect multiple frequency bands, including the 698–960 MHz, 2500–2655 MHz, 40–50 MHz, and high-frequency bands used for Earth exploration and satellite communications.

ACMA invites feedback from stakeholders on these proposed changes, with the consultation open until December 16, 2024.



Singapore

New Equipment Registration Portal.



On Nov 20th, IMDA the Singapore communications regulator announced the migration of the current equipment registration portal to the new GoBusiness portal. Please note the following:

- If you intend to continue selling equipment with an existing registration expiring on 30 November 2024, please submit your renewal application online at GoBusiness Portal (<https://www.gobusiness.gov.sg/>) before 25 November 2024. Registration not renewed by this date will be automatically canceled.
- For equipment with a registration expiring on 31 December 2024, renewals can be submitted online at the new GoBusiness Portal (<https://dashboard.gobusiness.gov.sg/login>) after 6 December 2024. Registrations not renewed by 31 December 2024 will be automatically cancelled.



Malaysia Modifies Equipment Certification Requirements



The electronic communications regulator has introduced new equipment registration requirements. The new requirements see the use of new Intellectual Property (IP) forms for Type Approval applications, starting January 1, 2025. These updated forms replace the current versions and include an additional declaration option for applicants unable to obtain written consent from IP owners. An IP Infringement Disclaimer has also been introduced. Applicants should carefully review these updates to ensure compliance. Two trademark declaration categories have been outlined:

1. Authorized Use: Requires a registration certificate and an IP Authorization Letter.
2. Unauthorized Use: Requires an IP Undertaking form.

While the current forms remain acceptable until 31st December 2024, applicants are encouraged to use the latest forms for Type Approval application submissions.



Egypt 5G & 6GHz RLAN Spectrum Updates



The National Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (NTRA) of Egypt has announced updates to their radio spectrum, including the issuing of 5G licenses to mobile operators and allocating additional bandwidth for 6GHz RLAN. 6GHz RLAN. Devices should operate in the 5925–6425 MHz frequency band, with a maximum EIRP of 250mW, using digital modulation techniques such as the ones set by IEEE 802.11ax standards. Initially usage is restricted to indoor environments only. The regulatory update also introduced a new mechanism for quality violation fines, incentivizing telecom operators to enhance their infrastructure investments.

These changes reinforce Egypt’s commitment to fostering innovation in the telecommunications sector. Stakeholders in the telecom, infrastructure, and consumer electronics sectors should ensure their products meet the updated technical requirements to maintain market access.



Spotlight on Compliance

For this month’s Spotlight on Compliance we take a look at the Caribbean 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 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 Caribbean markets.

Country	US-EU reports accepted?	Is in-country testing required?	Is a local in-country representative required?	Timescales
Antigua	Y	N	N	8 Weeks
Bahamas	Y	N	N	6 Weeks
Barbados	Y	N	N	6 Weeks
British Virgin Islands	Y	N	N	6 Weeks
Dominican Rep	Y	N	N	6 Weeks
Grenada	Y	N	N	6 Weeks
Haiti	Y	N	N	8 Weeks
Jamaica	Y	N	N	6 Weeks
Saint Lucia	Y	N	N	6 Weeks
Saint Vincent	Y	N	N	6 Weeks
Trinidad and Tobago	Y	N	N	6 Weeks