



Global Compliance News



Bermuda Exemption for Bluetooth-WiFi Devices



Earlier in 2025, the Regulatory Authority of Bermuda announced a significant policy update on wireless device compliance. Under the updated guidelines, devices operating exclusively on Bluetooth and/or Wi-Fi are now exempt from individual type approval in Bermuda.

This new Bermuda type approval exemption applies for equipment operating within the specified frequency ranges and power levels. Additionally, the equipment must already be in compliance with internationally recognized IEEE standards, including 802.15.1, 802.11n, 802.11ac, 802.11ax (and its extended version), and 802.11be.

This regulatory update streamlines the process for market access for manufacturers and importers of a wide range of wireless products. Devices such as short-range devices (SRDs), consumer electronics, wireless peripherals, and networking equipment can now enter the Bermudian market without the need for further certification.

Although individual type approval is no longer required for these products, full compliance with technical and labeling standards remains mandatory. Products must meet specifications outlined by the FCC (U.S.), ISED (Canada), and ETSI (EU/UK).



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Indonesia



Utilizing existing product Certificates.

The Indonesia regulator SDPPI has recently announced that equipment certificate holders are no longer permitted to issue letters granting authorization to other importers to exclusively use their equipment certificates, in the importation process for Indonesia. The regulator has clarified that each importer must obtain their own equipment certificate.

Local Indonesian companies who already obtained SDPPI certification and hold compliant Indonesian test reports can provide copies of these reports to other importers, to enable the new importer to use existing compliant reports towards their own applications for equipment approval. Making the process for each additional equipment certificate holder paperwork only. Typical timescales for additional certificates are currently between 4-6 weeks.



Cambodia

Importer Details Now Required



The Telecommunications Regulator of Cambodia (TRC) will now require importer details for all applications for equipment certification. The Telecommunications Regulator of Cambodia (TRC) has recently announced that providing importer details will be a mandatory requirement before equipment certificates are issued.

This includes the company name, address, and contact information, which must be submitted with an Importer Declaration Letter. These details will not appear on the certificates themselves. ICM has a local office option available in Cambodia as a solution to this new requirement.



Niger Certificate Validity Reduction



Niger's authority has reduced the validity of new certificates to 3 years. Plans for the implementation of local testing have also been announced. These plans will be announced shortly.

The authority in Niger has, in a recent update, reduced the certificate validity from 10 years to 3 years.

- Existing certificates will remain valid until their original expiration dates.
- The format of new certificates will change; additional details such as manufacturer, importer details, and frequency range will be noted.
- Local testing will be implemented in the future.



South Africa



Safety Applications Portal Technical Difficulties

The South African safety regulator 'NRCS' has announced their normal Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system (e-portal) is unavailable due to technical issues. At this moment in time applications submitted in the CRM portal are suspended, awaiting a resolution to the technical difficulties.

The NRCS has acknowledged the inconvenience this has caused when applying for and accessing Letters of Authority (LOAs). Effectively the application portal has been disconnected for the past 3 months now.

As an alternative application process, whilst the NRCS work on restoring the system, the NRCS advises to use their alternative application portal under the Energy Efficiency Agency.

We have already successfully used the alternative portal and have obtained South African LoAs.



Spotlight on Compliance Validity of Equipment Certificates

One of the key questions we are asked by our partners is in regard to the validity period of certificates and the respective costs for renewal.

As ICM are active in over 180 markets worldwide we have a great handle on the validity periods of issued certificates and their associated renewal cost. As part of our management service we have a certificate expiry tracking system for our partners projects.

So close to the date of renewal we are able to notify our partners on their certificates expiry, allowing our partners enough time to decide if they wish to proceed with the renewal or not.

We also run country research intelligence reporting programs which also indicates the validity period of certificates and the associated renewal costs. These are in the form of tailored research projects we handle for some of our partners.

To give you an idea of the validity periods please see the below snapshot covering a few of the countries we handle.

Country	Validity Period	Country	Validity Period
Argentina	3 years	Cambodia	3 years
Columbia	Indefinite	India (WPC)	Indefinite
Bolivia	5 years	Cameroon	3 years
Egypt	Indefinite	Indonesia	3 years
Kuwait	3 years	Paraguay	5 years
Moldova	5 years	Morocco	10 years
Serbia	3 years	UAE	3 years