



Global Compliance News



Pakistan – Updated Technical Standards

The Pakistan communications regulator the Telecommunication Authority (PTA) has recently published an updated "Type Approval Technical Standards Regulations, 2021".

The updated regulations now require the following devices which were previously exempt from product certification, are subject to mandatory equipment certification:

- Tablet PCs with WiFi only (Non-Sim based devices)
- Smart watches with BT / WiFi only (Without Sim or tracking)
- UWB devices

In addition to the above products the PTA has also announced that EN 62368-1 has been added to the list of accepted standards.



Kuwait – Equipment Certs Validity Period Extended

The Kuwait regulator CITRA has announced that all equipment certificates now issued will come with a 3 year validity period, previously certificates were only issued with a 1 year validity period requiring product certs to be renewed annually. Now the renewal is every 3 years. Any equipment certificates coming up for renewal will be issued with a 3 year validity period. CITRA has increased the cost for issuing equipment certificates to take into account this change.

ICM has over 20 years experience in working with CITRA so we are able to offer the quickest times to market whilst keeping costs to a minimum.



SAUDI – ROHS REQUIREMENTS

The Saudi certification agency SASO Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization are now requiring all manufacturers of electronics and electrical equipment to comply with their new RoHS requirements.

The Saudi RoHS requirements are defined by Harmonized System (HS) codes, that are assigned to products as a condition of importation.

The technical regulation applies to electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) in the following categories.

- Large household appliances
- Small household appliances
- Information and communication technology equipment
- Lighting equipment
- Electrical and electronic tools
- Leisure, recreation and sports equipment

There are many similarities with the European Union's RoHS regulation, however the Saudi RoHS requirements, therefore it is key to identify the differences before proceeding with the RoHS registration.

Key aspects of Saudi RoHS regulation are as follows:

- There are only six defined categories.
- A one-year transition period began in July of this year.
- There is no "open scope."

The supplier responsible for placing electrical and electronic devices and equipment on the market shall obtain a certificate of conformity issued by a Saudi notified body.

The application should contain the Conformity Assessment Form (Type 1a) as per ISO/IEC 17067, The product shall be accompanied by a technical file that includes risk assessment documents, DoC and associated product technical documents.

The following are excluded from the scope of this regulation:

- Medical equipment.
- Military weapons and equipment.
- Equipment to be sent to space.
- Large-scale stationary industrial tools
- Large-scale fixed installations



Botswana – After Sales Repair Consultation

The Botswana regulator 'BOCRA' has announced a consultation period on the framework for providing after sales repair services. The announcement comes following problems with after sales repair services for electronics equipment in Botswana.

The regulator wants to improve the repair service levels for consumers once a product is in the marketplace, current repair service levels for consumers are poor. The consultation is looking at manufacturers and their ability in providing a point of contact for the return-repair of electronics equipment in Botswana.



RESIDENTIAL GATEWAYS HOME ROUTERS - REGULATION

The Infocomm Media Development Authority 'IMDA' in Singapore has announced an extension to the deadline for the compliance of residential gateways and home routers to their new standard IMDA-TS-RG-SEC. The standard came into force on the 13th April 2021, all new equipment registrations must now comply against the standard IMDA-TS-RG-SEC in order to achieve the equipment registration.

All existing routers and gateways that were registered before 12th of Oct 2020 were given a 1 year grace period to comply with the new standard. This grace period expired on the 12th Oct 2021. This grace period has now been extended to May 1st 2022 to allow manufacturers more time to ensure compliance to the new standard.



REGULATOR CHANGES

The Belize regulator Public Utilities Commission has recently undergone a change in office location-restructuring, as a result there has been some slight delays to the timescale for the issuance of equipment certificates. The office move-restructure has now been completed and equipment certificates once again are issued without delays.