



Global Compliance News



Jordan



Updates to Low Power Frequency Assignments

The communications regulator in Jordan the Telecommunication Regulatory Commission 'TRC' has recently published new radio frequency band allocations for low power radio equipment. The plan provides a comprehensive framework for the allocation of radio frequency bands to specific radio communication services and activities, adhering to relevant international agreements and recommendations. Some of the changes can be found below:

- New Assignment - 26957-27283 KHz for Inductive devices.
- New Assignment - 27090-27100 KHz for Inductive devices.
- New Assignment - 174-216 MHz for Radio Microphones
- New Assignment - 470-694 MHz for Radio Microphones
- New Assignment - 2446-2454 MHz for RFID (500mW-4W)
- New Assignment - .25-26.65 GHz for Transport and Traffic Telematics.
- Removing Band 865-868 MHz (500mW, EN 303659)
- Removing Band 870-874.4 MHz
- Removing Band 915-919.4 MHz
- Removing Band 57-71 GHz (for the outdoor fixed installation)

The TRC accepts ETSI-FCC reports issued by ILAC accredited laboratories for the certification of equipment operating in these newly assigned bands along with other established frequency assignments. It is a mandatory requirement to have a local representative to be appointed as the certificate holder, ICM has a local representative solution for Jordan.



Cessation of Equipment Registration for 3G Only Devices

The Singapore communications regulator 'IMDA' has sent out a reminder to all equipment dealers of the upcoming changes to 3G networks and services in Singapore. Please take note of the following timelines:

- a. From 1 November 2023: The Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA) will stop accepting new registrations and renewals of 3G-only mobile phones and non-VoLTE capable smartphones.
- b. From 1 February 2024: The sale of 3G-only mobile phones and non-VoLTE capable smartphones for local use will no longer be allowed.
- c. From 31 July 2024 onwards: 3G networks and services will cease in Singapore.

The IMDA advises all dealers that the 3G service will cease with effect from 31 July 2024, when selling 3G-only mobile terminals and non-VoLTE capable smartphones. For customers purchasing 4G or 5G mobile phones / smartphones, please ensure that Voice over LTE (VoLTE) is enabled, or assist the customer to enable VoLTE on the new devices and encourage them to make a test call to ensure that voice calls can be made through VoLTE; and with the cessation of 3G networks, voice call services such as those to emergency numbers can only be made via VoLTE. Hence, please also ensure mobile phones sold can make emergency calls while on local operators' networks.



Botswana

Equipment Exemption List Published



The Botswana Communications Regulatory Authority (BOCRA) has recently published an official notification document outlining exemptions from the certification process for certain categories of equipment. BOCRA's announcement follows the revision of the type approval guidelines 2023.

The exempted equipment categories include

- Personal Computers, Laptops, Tablets, IoT devices: These devices are exempt if they contain embedded Wi-Fi and Bluetooth transceivers, provided that the Wi-Fi transceiver is Wi-Fi5 CERTIFIED™.
- Receive-only equipment: This category includes FM/MW/SW radios, televisions, satellite decoders and set-top boxes.
- Radio and telecommunications terminal equipment embedded in vehicles (RTTE): This includes Bluetooth systems, navigation systems, remote sensors, car keys, etc., provided that the RTTE operates within the appropriate frequency bands.

These exemptions are expected to streamline the certification requirements for the specified equipment, potentially reducing regulatory complexity and time-to-market for manufacturers and importers.



TOGO

On Line Equipment Registration Portal



The Togo communications regulator Autorité de Régulation des Communications Electroniques et des Postes (ARCEP) has launched a new electronic application system for the certification of electronics and communications equipment.

The new simplified system is in response to growing demand for all applications now to be concluded on-line, making them more environmentally friendly plus streamlining the process of equipment registration. The new system will make the process easier to conclude and help with the quick turnaround time on applications.

As part of the application process ARCEP recognizes test reports issued by ILAC accredited laboratories

South Africa Proposal to Appoint Dedicated Certification Bodies



The ICASA (Independent Communications Authority of South Africa), is currently in consultation over the assigning of 3rd party certification bodies to become designated certification bodies (DCB). This is in accordance with the "Equipment Authorization Regulations 2022", published in March 2022.

DCB's are mainly to assist in the approval of lower power devices, but will likely not be exempted to also support more complex radio devices such as LTE-4&5G.

Dedicated Certification Bodies will examine documents, issue a "Certificate of Conformity" (CoC) and redirect to the ICASA department, who will issue a "Equipment Authorization Certificate".

Once the internal consultation process is complete a further update will be published on this subject.



Cambodia TRC Notice on Authorized Dealers and Equipment



The Cambodian Telecommunication Regulator of Cambodia 'TRC' on October 27th sent out a formal announcement in response to a recent spate of incidents where un authorized companies and individuals have been caught importing non certified equipment into Cambodia. The announcement is a reminder to any business or individual that the following points are in violation of the regulations.

- 1 – Importing and Supply, distribution of telecommunication's equipment without TRC formal dealer certificate.
- 2 - Importing and Supply, distribution of telecommunication's equipment without obtaining an equipment certificate issued by the TRC.
- 3 - Importing and Supply, distribution of telecommunication's equipment that are not intended for specific geographical markets designated by vendors.

Being in violation of the rules is punished by imprisonment, fines, confiscation of equipment and other penalties



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