



Global Compliance News



EU

EU Cybersecurity Regulation: RED Directive



The EU Communication Cybersecurity regulation will come into force on the 1st August 2025. It will be incorporated into the existing RED directive. Meaning any product subject to the RED directive will have to meet the new cybersecurity arrangements from the 1st of August 2025.

The regulation covers any electronics device connected to a public network and electronic devices containing a radio interface. Connecting-Transmitting over the air (utilizing radio spectrum).

How to achieve conformity

Products should be assessed compliant against the EU Cybersecurity standard EN 18031-1 to -3. The standard is currently going through adoption and publication phase into the official journal.

There are 3 parts to the standard in which a should demonstrate compliance with:

- EN 18031-1 covering article 3.3 (d) “radio equipment does not harm the network or its functioning nor misuse network resources, thereby causing an unacceptable degradation of service”
- EN 18031-2 covering article 3.3 (e) “processing data, namely Internet connected radio equipment, childcare radio equipment, toys radio equipment and wearable radio equipment”
- EN 18031-3 covering article 3.3 (f) “radio equipment processing virtual money or monetary value”

Once compliant you should include the Cybersecurity regulation in your declaration of conformity.

Nigeria

Updated Equipment Registration Rules

The Nigerian communications regulator commission (NCC) published updates to its equipment certification rules. The latest regulatory updates affect the Type Approval, labeling, and technical standards requirements.

Updates to electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) standards and the introduction of stricter cybersecurity requirements for IoT devices are now mandatory for certification.

The updates include changes to the documentation required to support equipment registration including:

- Declarations of Conformity,
- Updated labeling guidelines, both physical and electronic.
- Failure to comply may result in delays in market access or rejection of certification applications.

The enforcement of these updated requirements will be closely monitored through enhanced market surveillance and inspections, emphasizing the importance of thorough preparation to avoid non-compliance risks.



Jordan

Updated Equipment Registration Rules



The Jordan Telecommunications Regulator (TRC) has issued a new regulation “Instructions of the Conditions and Procedures for Obtaining Type Approval of Telecommunication Equipment and Regulating their Entry into the Kingdom”. This regulation entered in force on 15th September 2024.

The main changes to the regulation are:

- All products supporting Bluetooth only are exempted from type approval
- New Labelling Requirements: The label should include Manufacturer Name, Brand, Marketing name, Model, and IMEI for cellular devices.
- Certificate validity is reduced to 1 year instead of 3 years.

Typically EU reports are accepted as part of the application requirements, a local representative is also mandatory. ICM has a local representative service for Jordan for those manufacturers without a local partner.



Namibia

No Objection of Approval Regulation



The Namibian communications regulator ‘CRAN’ is now issuing no objection approval letters for equipment that is deemed not subject to equipment certification rules. CRAN still require to evaluate applications for equipment approval but if the device is considered very low power they will issue a formal letter of no approval regulation.

ICM are advising our clients to ship a copies of their letter’s with their equipment during the customs importation process for Namibia.



Pakistan

Electronic Waste Management



The Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) is currently looking at developing a new framework for the waste management of electronics equipment. They are currently seeking industry feedback on a number of topics on this subject, for example average product lifecycle for certain device types. Current waste management policies applied in other countries. Data and security issues regarding the eol of electronics equipment.

Following this consultation period we expect to see a draft framework for the management of electronic waste in Pakistan to be announced soon.

RADIO SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT



New Zealand

Responsible Supplier Rules

In order to achieve product compliance for New Zealand a local representative is required. A local NZ company or NZ resident must take responsibility for compliance, sign the SDoC and hold the compliance folder or Permit where applicable. All local representatives must be registered in the national database of responsible suppliers in New Zealand. ICM's local supplier solution has been registered with the New Zealand regulator for over 20 years now.

Overseas test reports can be used as compliance evidence, provided they are valid. ICM offers a comprehensive service for New Zealand, whether it's assessment of your existing overseas test reports and documentation, through to the signing of your SDoC and the use of our local representative service. Timescales are 1-2 weeks.



Spotlight on Compliance - Africa

For this month's Spotlight on Compliance we take a look at the African 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 African markets.

Country	Paperwork or Samples?	Local Representative?	Translation of documentation?	Timescales
Algeria	Samples Required	Yes	Yes	8-10 weeks
Botswana	Paperwork only	No	No	7 weeks
Cote d'Ivoire	Paperwork only	Yes	No	7 weeks
Dem Rep Congo	Paperwork only	Yes	No	8 weeks
Ethiopia	Paperwork only	No	No	8 weeks
Ghana	Paperwork only	Yes	No	8-10 weeks
Malawi	Paperwork only	Yes	No	6 weeks
Nigeria	Paperwork only	No	No	8-10 weeks
Senegal	Paperwork only	Yes	No	6-8 weeks
Tunisia	Samples Required	Yes	No	6-8 weeks