



Global Compliance News



Papa New Guinea Product Certification Scheme

The Papa New Guinea communications regulator NICTA has introduced new equipment registration and type approval framework schemes for the registration of ICT and Communications equipment.

The 2 schemes are;

A. Basic Approval Scheme (BAPS) - BAPS consist of two ICT equipment categories:

- i. Controlled Customer Equipment
- ii. Customer Equipment

B. Equipment Registration Scheme (ERS)

ERS is further divided into two categories of registration:

- i. Compulsory Equipment Registration Scheme (CERS) and;
- ii. Simplified Equipment Registration Scheme (SERS).



Papa New Guinea Product Certification Scheme - Cntd

BAPS - Controlled Customer Equipment

Several Controlled Customer Equipment (fixed wired communication devices) are exempt from any formal testing/Technical Assessment within the controlled customer equipment categories. However, equipment registration is still mandatory. A number of fixed wired telephony products fall into this category.

BAPS - Customer Equipment

Controlled Customer Equipment (CCE) is classified as customer equipment that connects a customer network to a provider facility. These equipment types are subject to the Type Approval Regulation. Here a local dealer has to apply for the equipment registration and must include test reports and a DoC as part of the application.

Compulsory Equipment Registration Scheme (CERS)

- a. The CERS applies to all categories of radiocommunications apparatus, satellite communication apparatus.
- b. All apparatus under CERS are subjected to NICTA's Type Approval regime including any test and certification requirements. However, at NICTA's discretion, any device test may be waived upon production of evidence of existing Type Approval Certificate, Test Reports and Declaration of Conformity (DoC) from existing recognized International Type Approval schemes.

Simplified Equipment Registration Scheme (SERS).

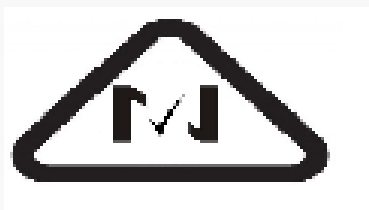
- a. The SER Scheme applies to Short Range Devices (SRD) or Low Interference Potential Devices (LIPD) and Wireless Devices
- b. SRD or LIPD is classified under Class Licence and therefore:

No licence is required to operate the equipment;

No type approval test required as there is an acceptance of International Test Reports from Accredited Laboratories

However, the device must be registered in the type approval equipment register for the purpose of compliance.

Also, under the new type approval arrangements there are also labelling requirements. So once certified the following label shall be applied to a product.





SAUDI ARABIA – UPDATED WLAN, ZIGBEE AND BLUETOOTH REGULATION

ESWATINI – ON LINE EQUIPMENT REGISTRATION PORTAL

The Saudi Arabia Communications and Information Technology Commission (CITC) has just published an updated regulation covering data communication systems operating in licence exempt frequency bands.

The updated regulation is in response to the growing development of radio devices with ever increasing integrated data communication systems.

The regulation highlights new radio assignments in the 863-868MHz, 915.8-919.4MHz and also the 5925-7125MHz band, ready for WiFi 6 devices. The regulation also broadens the device scope in the WLAN 5GHz bands.

Please contact us for more information on these assignments.

As reported in our news letter last year the Eswatini Communications Agency 'ESCCOM' have launched their electronic equipment registration portal. The new simplified system requires the applicant to register first in order to apply for product certification. The regulations remain the same in terms of the acceptance of EU-FCC test reports from accredited laboratories. So the process is still a paperwork exercise.

The new process allows ICM to offer up even more quicker turnaround times on equipment certificates



RADIO SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT



AZERBAIJAN – CERTIFIED BODY EQUIPMENT REGISTRATION CHANGES

New Zealand – Consultation on Draft 5 Year Spectrum Outlook

In December 2021 the New Zealand Radio regulator RSM released a Draft Five-Year Spectrum Outlook 2022-2026 (the Draft Outlook) for public consultation.

This document sets out RSM's thoughts on the main technology and spectrum management trends over the next 5 years and the implications for spectrum management in New Zealand.

ICM is closely monitoring the developments as the consultation document covers key future technologies such as 5G services, Internet of Things (IoT), WiFi 6, Machine-to-Machine (M2M) applications. The consultation period ends on the 28th February.

ICM will report further on these developments later in the year.

The body responsible for the equipment certification in Azerbaijan Minicom have revised their equipment registration procedures. Under the previous arrangements the certification body Mincom performed 1 application evaluation capturing local safety, EMC, Radio, RoHS requirements. Upon successful evaluation Minicom would issue 1 certificate of compliance. Now under new guidelines Mincom are now evaluating Safety and EMC certification separately. Meaning that we are now submitting 2 applications for Radio-IT equipment certification, 1 for safety certification and 1 for EMC certification.

Resulting in Two Azerbaijan AZS CoCs covering EMC and LVD separately plus Mincom CoC. This is now doubling the cost for equipment registration in Azerbaijan.

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