## Eurofins KCTL Newsletter August 2023

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### Welcome to our August 2023 Eurofins KCTL newsletter

Hope this new month of August brings you everything you desired!

#### UK - UK Government Announces Extension of CE Marking Acceptance

The Department for Business and Trade has announced an indefinite extension for the use of CE marking for businesses in Great Britain. Meaning manufacturers and importers selling into the Great Britain can apply either UKCA marking or CE marking.

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-government-announces-extension-of-ce-mark-recognition-for-businesses

#### Mexico - Mexico Conuee Updated Category

In Mexico, the CONUEE (National Commission for the Efficient Use of Energy) released the new Catálogo de Equipos y Aparatos on April 20, 2023, which became effective on June 20, 2023. According to the new Catalog, manufacturers, importers, or distributors of the products listed in Annex A of the resolution must apply a label indicating the electrical consumption of the device based on requirements established in Article 2. Devices already encompassed by an Energy Efficiency NOM are exempt from the provisions of this resolution.

#### https://www.gob.mx/cms/uploads/attachment/file/818932/Cat\_logo\_firmado.pdf

#### South Korea - RRA Announced Partial Revision of EMC Test Method

On August 11, 2023, the National Radio Research Agency (RRA) of Korea announced partial revision to the Electromagnetic Compatibility test method. This update aligns the electromagnetic compatibility test method with the revised national standard (KS) in the field of electromagnetic compatibility (as stipulated in Paragraph 4 of Article 7, Paragraph 14 of Article 4, and Paragraph 21 of Article 4).

 $https://www.rra.go.kr/ko/notice/noticeList_view.do?nb\_seq=5487\&cpage=1\&nb\_type=0\&searchCon=\&searchTxt=\&sortOrder=1\&nb\_type=0\&searchCon=0&searchTxt=0$ 

#### India BIS - DPIIT Announced Regulation of Ceiling Fan

On August 9, 2023, India's Department of Industry and Trade (DPIIT) issued mandatory quality standards for ceiling fans to curb imports of substandard products and promote domestic fan manufacturing. Items under Electric Ceiling Type Fans (Quality Control) Order, 2023, cannot be produced, sold, traded, imported, and stocked unless they bear the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) mark. It will come into effect on February 15, 2024.

https://www.rra.go.kr/ko/notice/noticeList\_view.do?nb\_seq=5487&cpage=1&nb\_type=0&searchCon=&searchTxt=&sortOrder=

#### China - CNCA Announcement No. 12 of 2023 on Management of CCC Certificates and Marks

On August 8, 2023, the Certification and Accreditation Administration of the P.R.C (CNCA) issued an announcement, outlining measures to improve the management of China Compulsory Certification (CCC) certificates and marks. This announcement will come into effect from January 1, 2024.

#### A summary of the key points are as follows:

- 1. CCC certification will be fully transitioned to electronic format. Paper certificates will be issued by the Certification Body upon request from applicants. Existing paper certificates will remain valid and will gradually shift to electronic versions through modifications, renewals, etc. Both paper and electronic certificates will hold equal legal validity.
- In addition to physical label affixiation, CCC marks can also be displayed electronically for products with integrated screens and electronic nameplates. However, the standard CCC mark or printed / embossed CCC mark must still be present on the product's minimum sales packaging.
- 3. The production and use of CCC certificates and marks must adhere to the requirements specified in the attachments of this announcement.

https://www.cnca.gov.cn/zwxx/gg/2023/art/2023/art\_926495084f4740b792f914829b1be5c5.html

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#### Singapore - CPSO Reminder for Controlled Goods to Comply with CPSR

On August 2023, the Consumer Product Safety Office (CPSO) of Singapore issued a circular as a reminder to suppliers of Controlled Goods to comply with the requirements outlined in Consumer Protection (Safety Requirements) Regulations (CPSR).

The CPSR mandates that the 33 categories of Controlled Goods (CGs) under CPSR should be tested to specified safety standards, registered with the CPSO, and affixed with the SAFETY Mark before being sold in Singapore.

The CPSO will continue to conduct regular market surveillance checks, and suppliers found guilty of selling unregistered and/or expired Controlled Goods may be subject to penalties.

#### https://www.consumerproductsafety.gov.sg/files/circulars/2023-08-02-circular.pdf

#### Singapore - IMDA Cessation Plan of 3G services

On July 26, 2023, the Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA) of Singapore, in collaboration with three Mobile Network Operators (MNOs), issued an announcement concerning the 'cessation of equipment registration and sales of 3G-only mobile terminals and non-VoLTE capable mobile/smartphones'.

This change will take effect from July 31, 2024.

#### The timeline for gradual phase-out 3G network services is as follows:

- 1. Starting from November 1, 2023:
- IMDA will no longer accept new registrations and renewals of 3G-only mobile terminals and non-VoLTE capable mobile/smart phones.
- 2. Starting from 1st February 2024:
- a. IMDA will de-register previously approved equipment registrations.
- b. The sale of such equipment is not allowed and must cease by this date.
- c. Only equipment for export purposes and/or overseas use only are allowed to be imported or offered by dealers/suppliers with granted Dealer (Individual) Licences.

Starting from July 26, 2023, dealers/suppliers selling such terminals/mobile phones are obligated to inform customers about the measures being taken to phase out 3G services. Given the cessation of 3G networks, voice call services, such as emergency calls, can only be made.

https://www.imda.gov.sg/regulations-and-licensing-listing/dealer-and-equipment-registration-framework/equipment-registration-frame

Malaysia – SIRIM Announced Introduction of a Processing Fee for (IT)/NETWORKING Applications Fee for Internal Radio Frequency (RF) Test Reports

Starting from October 2, 2023, SIRIM will introduce a nominal processing fee for IT/Networking applications and evaluation fee for internal RF test reports This adjustment may lead to inquiries, and SIRIM wants to assure you that this decision was made with your best interest in mind. Therefore, they would like to highlight the rationale behind this implementation:

Processing Fee for IT/Networking Applications:

Due to the transition of IPv4 to IPv6 address, numerous IT and networking products imported into Malaysia are already equipped for IPv6. Consequently, SIRIM has restructured the existing IT/Networking application process to ensure a thorough evaluation so that all IT and networking products supporting IPv6 are certified according to the requirements stipulated in the technical codes MCMC MTSFB TC T013:2019. Thus, a processing fee of RM50 will be applicable to each IT/Networking application. This fee will cover the costs associated with the application review and evaluation before the issuance of the approval number (SQASI/OTH/23/XXXX) with one (1) year validity period.

Evaluation Fee for Internal Radio Frequency (RF) Test Reports:

For Type Approval applications submitted under the Internal Testing category (with RF test reports issued by SIRIM), an evaluation fee of RM 300 will be introduced for each internally generated RF test repor). This fee is intended to compensate for the time and resources required to conduct the evaluation.

#### https://ecomm.sirim.my/Announcement\_Details\_New.aspx?From=external

#### Argentina – ENACOM released new resolution

ENACOM has issued Resolution 1132/2023 for Frequency Hopping and Digital Broadband Systems outlining specific testing methods for BT/WiFi/DSSS/FHSS interfaces, which allows the testing and registration of WiFi 6E (5925-7125MHz).

Main points:

- The introduction of the new ENACOM-Q2-63.03 V23.1 Technical standard for devices incorporated in Frequency Hopping Systems.
- Specific Testing methods are established for the verification of each technical parameter.

- Antenna declaration requirement has been introduced.
- Radiated Testing Procedure is accepted for cases where conducted measurements are impractical.
- New ENACOM-Q2-63.02 V23.1 Technical standard for devices included on Broadband Digital Modulation Systems
- 5925-7125 MHz band has been regulated, so WIFI 6E technologies can now be duly tested and homologated.
- Specific Testing methods are to validate each technical parameter.
- Antenna declaration requirement has been introduced.
- Radiated Testing Procedure is accepted for cases where it is not possible to carry out conducted measurements.
- Both Testing Protocols have already become effective since August 16, 2023, but local laboratorioes are currently working on the implementation.
- ENACOM has allowed a 90-day period to continue accepting homologation files with reports issued under previous testing protocols.

https://qetkra.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=3e9b0ed9f9eb40a984ea036fd&id=64e0f72cb9&e=d29ae1d3c1\_

#### Chile – Chile close 2G Network

On July 24th, Subtel announced the closure 2G network for the emergence of new technologies.

To guarantee that no user is left without service, Subtel will request companies intending to stop using 2G networks for a plan that shows how this process will be carried out and the mitigations that will be delivered to users of these technologies (modifications to contracts, replacement of devices such as GPS, telephones, etc.)

https://www.subtel.gob.cl/adios-al-2g-subtel-fiscalizara-que-empresas-no-dejen-usuarios-sin-conectividad-en-el-reemplazo-de-redes/

#### Nicaragua - TELCOR released New Agreement

El Instituto Nicaragüense de Telecomunicaciones y Correos (TELCOR) released Administrative Agreement No. 001-2023, on July 31, 2023.

Brief as below:

- 1. The frequency band 894-960 MHz is allocated for advanced mobile broadband services.
- 2. Use of SRD and LPWAN devices operating in the range 915-928 MHz are permitted.

This agreement is currently in effect and supersedes Administrative Agreement No. 005-2021.

https://telcor.gob.ni/institucional/marco-legal/#

#### Belarus - TR 2018/024/BY, titled "Telecommunication Facilities: Safety." has changed

On August 14, 2023, the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus approved changes to the Technical Regulations of the Republic of Belarus TR 2018/024/BY, titled "Telecommunication Facilities: Safety." These changes are intended to clarify the scope of the Technical Regulation, the list of products subject to certification and declaration, and the conformity approval procedure for products according to this technical regulation.

The changes clarify the following aspects:

1. The lists of telecommunication facilities subject to certification and declaration of conformity according to TR 2018/024/BY "Telecommunication Facilities. Safety" have been updated.

2. The scope of exclusion of TR 2018/024/BY has been extended.

In addition to the existing exceptions, the clarifications for certain types of telecommunication facilities have been included to better define the scope of TR 2018/024/BY for specific products.

3. Additional modified requirements:

Radio communication equipment designed to operate in the frequency range from 0 Hz to 300 GHz and used at a rated supply voltage of less than 50 V AC and less than 75 V DC must provide the necessary limitation of human exposure to electromagnetic fields. Operational documents are to be executed in the state languages of the Republic of Belarus (Belarusian and/or Russian) on paper and/or electronic media. Letter trademarks, personal names, place names, and other names and details in operational documents may be provided in other languages. International units of measurement may be utilized. When certifying telecommunications facilities, the applicant is required to provide information about the current version of the installed software (if available).

The Changes to TR 2018/024/BY is valid from February 17, 2024.

https://pravo.by/document/?guid=12551&p0=C22300532

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