

Welcome to our March 2023 Eurofins KCTL newsletter

Wishing you a joyous Holiday season and a happy and peaceful New Year!

Republic of Congo ARPCE_Requires Samples for Type Approval

The Agence de Régulation des Postes et des Communication Electroniques Republique (ARPCE) in the Republic of Congo published Decree No. 2015-254 on February 19, 2015. Article 7 of the decree states that a normal sample is mandatory for type approval applications, which ARPCE is now enforcing. Ongoing and renewal projects must provide a normal sample to complete the application process; otherwise, the application will be cancelled.

Ivory Coast ARTCI_No Longer Requires Sample for New Projects and Renewals

The Autorité de Régulation des Télécommunications de Côte d'Ivoire (ARTCI) has announced that as part of an effort to facilitate the type approval process, samples are no longer required for new projects and renewals.

https://approve-it.net/ivory-coast-artci-no-longer-requires-sample-for-new-projects-and-renewals/

China CCC_certification for Lithium-ion batteries and other related products

On March 16th, 2023, the State Administration of Market Regulation of the People's Republic of China issued an announcement entitled "No. 10 of 2023," which mandates the compulsory certification management for lithium-ion batteries and related products.

The announcement requires CCC certification management to be enforced on the following:

- lithium-ion batteries and battery packs used in electronic and electrical products
- mobile power supplies
- power adapters/chargers used in telecom terminal products

However, CCC certification is currently only required for lithium-ion batteries and battery packs used in portable electronic products. The requirements for lithium-ion batteries and battery packs used in other electronic and electrical products will be announced at a later date.

Starting from August 1, 2023, the designated certification authority will begin accepting the CCC application for newly included products on the mandatory CCC list. By August 1, 2024, any products that have not obtained the CCC certificate and mark will not be permitted to be delivered, sold, imported, or used in other business activities.

http://www.cnca.gov.cn/zw/gg/zjgg/202303/t20230316_66641.shtml

India MTCTE_notify WiFi CPE and IP Router including Security Testing

On 27th February 2023, The Telecommunication Engineering Centre have notified the start date of acceptance of applications to include security testing under Mandatory Testing and Certification of Telecommunication Equipment (MTCTE) for WiFi CPEs and IP Router, which is from 1st July 2023.

The security parameters listed in the Indian Telecom Security Assurance Requirements (ITSARSs) will be applicable for all applications along with the Essential Requirement (ER) parameters.

Any issued MTCTE certificates or applications under process before 1st July 2023 will also be required to be converted to an integrated certificate with security testing. OEMs can apply for conversion through 'certificate modification option' on MTCTE portal once it's living for acceptance of applications including security testing.

https://www.mtcte.tec.gov.in/er_list

Taiwan BSMI_update for DoC

BSMI announced that Declaration of Conformity needs to upload raw data and fully TCF (e.g. Block diagram/ Critical component/ Traditional Chinese User Manual) and test report.

Taiwan BSMI _Update standard and scheme of digital camera

From January 1, 2024, for digital cameras (excluding medical equipment or telecommunications terminal equipment), CNS 15936 will replace CNS 13438. Additionally, from January 1, 2025, the certificate scheme for these products will change from DoC to TA or RPC. This change will combine the CCC code of vehicle cameras and digital cameras under the same product type. (8525.80.90.10.2, 8525.80.90.90.5, 8525.80.21.10.6, and 8525.80.21.90.9.)

Thailand TISI_Public Consultation on draft regulations requiring secondary cell and battery industry products for portable applications, lithium systems

On 20th February 2023, the Thai Industrial Standards Institute (TISI) released a public hearing on draft regulations regarding a new standard - TIS62133 Part 1-25xx and TIS62133 Part 2-25xx, for secondary cell and battery industry products for portable applications, lithium systems. When approved, this will replace existing standard TIS2217-2548.

https://www.tisi.go.th/standard/details

Belarus _Belarus suspened mandatory Energy Efficiency requirements.

Since January 1, 2023, mandatory certification for compliance with energy efficiency requirements for AC-powered household electrical appliances has not been carried out in the Republic of Belarus.

This is due to the adoption by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus of Resolution No. 916 dated 27.12.2022, which suspended item 3 of the list of objects of mandatory confirmation of compliance approved by Resolution No. 849 of the Council of

Ministers of the Republic of Belarus dated 21.10.2016 (hereinafter referred to as Resolution No. 849)

Please note that Resolution No. 849 has not been canceled, but SUSPENDED in terms of mandatory requirements for energy efficiency of products.

Brazil ANATEL_New Act 2436 for cybersecurity of CPE

ANATEL published last week the new Act no 2436 with cyber security requirements for assessing the conformity of CPE (Customer Premises Equipment). This new Act will come into force on March 10th, 2024.

This Act establishes a set of mandatory cybersecurity requirements CPE devices used to connect to the Internet service provider's network, such as:

- a) Cable modem;
- b) xDSL modem;
- c) ONU, ONT;
- d) Router or modem intended for fixed wireless access (FWA Fixed Wireless Access);
- e) Router or modem for fixed broadband access via satellite;

f) Wireless router or access point.

The main requirements are related to:

- 1) Requirements for passwords;
- 2) Defense requirements against unauthorized access attempts;
- 3) Requirements for vendors, such as requiring a Coordinated Vulnerability Disclosure Policy and policies for releasing software/firmware updates to fix security vulnerabilities.

All these requirements are aligned to ANATEL Resolution no 740, ANATEL Act no 77, NST Special Publication 800-63B, Broadband Forum - TR-181 Issue-2, ISO/IEC 29147:2018, ISO/IEC 30111:2019, among other standards for cybersecurity.

https://sei.anatel.gov.br/sei/modulos/pesquisa/md_pesq_documento_consulta_externa.php?8-74Kn1tDR89f1Q7RjX8EYU46lzCFD26Q9Xx5QNDbqbjrZLCNfqeRg-L-C3Gb-1Azwysygy9rWoUM4rT_yl3XCuMz8fweImNoyttQO8pA5ey8n7x_4PlmD_H2Fc85VrG

Mexico IFETEL_5925-6425MHz available

The Instituto Federal de Telecomunicaciones (IFETEL) of Mexico has announced on February 16, 2023 that the 5925-6425 MHz frequency band is unlicensed spectrum, which will make it possible to offer new services for Wi-Fi 6E technology in Mexico. Within the operating conditions of the 5925-6425 MHz band as free spectrum, the use is determined for indoor low power systems and indoor and outdoor very low power systems. The determination on outdoor use is not included in the agreement at this time, and will be studied by IFETEL.

https://www.ift.org.mx/comunicacion-y-medios/comunicados-ift/es/el-pleno-del-ift-clasifica-la-banda-de-5925-6425-mhz-como-espectro-libre-comunicado-132023-16-de

Mexico IFETEL_IFT issued IFT-011-022

The Instituto Federal de Telecomunicaciones (IFETEL) of Mexico issued Technical Disposition IFT-011-2022 (NOM-221 Part 3) "Cellular Broadcasting Service for Notification by Risk or Emergency Situations". This regulation sets the technical specifications of Mobile Terminal Equipment that make use of radio spectrum or can be connected to telecommunications networks, for the

reception and processing of Alert Messages due to Risk or Emergency Situations through Cellular Broadcasting Service. IFT-011-2022 came into effect on March 12, 2023, and is now required in Mexico for cell phones and smart phones.

https://www.ift.org.mx/sites/default/files/upr_dt_001_r_09-22_version_accesible.pdf

Peru MTC_Opens Public Consultation on 2023 PNFA

Peru Ministry of Transport and Communications (MTC) published the Plan National Frequency Allocation (PNAF) updated to 2023, in order to receive comments and suggestions. This PNAF update includes the necessary frequency bands for the development of mobile technologies such as 4G and 5G, high-altitude platforms (HAPS), use of television white spaces (TVWS), improving wireless coverage in the home (WiFi -6E) and much more.

Oman TRA_ TRA to Require VoLTE Compliance and to Sunset 2G/3G

The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) of Oman announced that starting April 1, 2023, mobile phones imported to Oman for commercial purposes must comply with the condition of supporting VoLTE. TRA also announced that 2G and 3G will begin sunsetting in Oman starting in Q3 of 2024.

Vanuatu TRBR _BT are exempted from TRBR

The Telecommunications, Radiocommunications & Broadcasting Regulator (TRBR) in Vanuatu announced that BT only devices are exempted for type approval of the Local Importer Permit requirement. Devices with both Bluetooth and Wi-Fi function will still require a TRBR type approval certificate and permit to import into the country.

 $\underline{\text{https://www.trbr.vu/en/public-register/publications/advertisement-and-notices/896-notice-bluetooth-exemption-on-ict-and-rtte-imported-devices}$

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