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### Welcome to our March 2024 Eurofins KCTL newsletter

Happy February! Wishing you all the best on this month.

#### Australia -CNCA Announces 8 RoHS Standards for Electrical Products

The ACCC released a final inquiry report on eight wholesale telecommunications services. They decided to extend the declaration of the domestic transmission capacity service for another 5 years, with updated service descriptions. Declarations for wholesale line rental, local carriage service, and wholesale ADSL service will also be extended for 5 years without changes. The declarations for unconditioned local loop and line sharing services will expire without new declarations. Declarations for fixed originating and terminating access services will be extended for 5 years, with modifications reflecting industry trends. A separate report on the domestic mobile terminating access service will be issued due to complexity, expected by June 2024.

<https://www.accc.gov.au/media-release/regulation-of-wholesale-telecommunications-to-change-following-accq-inquiry>

#### Saudi Arabia- SASO Updated on Specialized Radio Network License in the band 450 MHz. KSA/CST opened a public consultation on "Regulations for these of radio spectrum for satellite services"

KSA/SASO published new changes on the technical regulations of IECEE including changes in cost, applicant types that can apply, and option of scope expansion. The update outlines the process and objectives for granting a 450 MHz Radio License for a Specialized Radio Network in Saudi Arabia. It specifies that entities incorporated in Saudi Arabia or joint ventures can apply, with regulations enabling participation without requiring a unified license. The objectives include facilitating digital transformation in industrial sectors, establishing a nationwide specialized network, and meeting the needs of diverse user groups. Concerns revolve around providing adequate coverage and service to both large and small user groups, while ensuring reasonable costs for digital transformation.

The consultation outlines regulations for non-geostationary satellite (NGSO) services in Saudi Arabia, covering scope, frequency bands, technical standards, licensing requirements, international coordination, fees, and general provisions. It defines NGSO satellites and states that the regulations apply to users of allocated satellite frequency bands in Saudi Arabia. It classifies satellite radio services and their frequency bands, detailing restrictions and directions for each service type. Technical operation standards and licensing requirements, including application processes, license categories, and duration, are specified. The document also addresses license renewal, modifications, revocations, EMC analysis, fees, and periodic review. Additionally, it outlines a Service Level Agreement for issuing, amending, and revoking frequency licenses.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SFvZt8fzWgEJK\\_umcN7gb3jgSatQr\\_Lm/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SFvZt8fzWgEJK_umcN7gb3jgSatQr_Lm/view?usp=sharing)

[https://www.cst.gov.sa/en/services/spectrum/Documents/450MHZ\\_en.pdf](https://www.cst.gov.sa/en/services/spectrum/Documents/450MHZ_en.pdf)

### Brazil – ANATEL Act 2436 for CPE

ANATEL Act 2436- cybersecurity requirement for assessing the conformity of CPE (Customer Premises Equipment) became in force on March 10th, 2024. (details can refer to our newsletter in March 2023). On March 9th, ANATEL released the Official Letter no. 83 for more information, see below for the main points:

1. ANATEL will accept to homologate new devices and renew certificates without the Cybersecurity testing, as long as the applicant formally approved the project to OCD until March 9th. Applicant will need to present the cybersecurity testing report until July 6th, 2024, otherwise ANATEL will suspend the certificate.
2. This exception is an alternative to applicants and if this option is adopted, the applicant will need to sign a declaration letter committing to present the cybersecurity report until the deadline defined by ANATEL and, in case of failure during the testing, remove all units sold in Brazil market or arrange a recall of those units, according to the conditions described in the Brazilian Consumer Law.
3. Reinforce that new approvals or renewal started as for March 10th will need to present the cybersecurity testing report without any exception to obtain the ANATEL approval.

[https://sei.anatel.gov.br/sei/modulos/pesquisa/md\\_pesq\\_documento\\_consulta\\_externa.php?8-74Kn1tDR89f1Q7RjX8EYU46IzCFD26Q9Xx5QNDbqZada-oSNWyMaWNC8TKhL\\_Oh3U\\_cG-Ost7MEZFbV4OR5y-pQg6sF4jNuX0HG-6r4fUAqQsr6S5vat3hmNmkjryw](https://sei.anatel.gov.br/sei/modulos/pesquisa/md_pesq_documento_consulta_externa.php?8-74Kn1tDR89f1Q7RjX8EYU46IzCFD26Q9Xx5QNDbqZada-oSNWyMaWNC8TKhL_Oh3U_cG-Ost7MEZFbV4OR5y-pQg6sF4jNuX0HG-6r4fUAqQsr6S5vat3hmNmkjryw)

### **Brazil – Official Letter 100/2024**

ANATEL released new Official Letter no. 100 on March 20 to clarify on the scope of cybersecurity requirements for CPE equipment. Information as below:

1. Anatel's Certification and Numbering Management (ORCN) has received questions, both from industry representatives and Designated Certification Bodies (OCDs), about the applicability of the minimum mandatory cybersecurity requirements for assessing the conformity of CPE (Customer Premises) equipment . Equipment ), approved by Act No. 2436, of March 7, 2023 , on devices classified as access points intended for exclusively corporate use.
2. According to the scope contained in item 1.1 of the Annex to Act No. 2436/2023 , the aforementioned requirements are applicable to CPE equipment for use by the general public used to connect subscribers to the Internet service provider's network.
3. According to the definition contained in the requirements, the general public is understood as any person who uses and/or has access to the product and who does not have specialized technical knowledge about the telecommunications equipment and who is only interested in using its functionalities and consuming the telecommunications services.
4. It is understood that equipment intended exclusively for corporate use is installed and configured by a team with specialized technical knowledge. Additionally, such equipment operates on corporate networks that have different layers of security and, for this reason, normally do not connect directly to the Internet service provider's network.
5. Considering these characteristics, ORCN clarifies to those interested in certifying this type of product that the requirements approved by Act No. 2436/2023 are not applicable to CPE equipment intended exclusively for corporate use.

[Official Letter 100/2024](#)

### **Malaysia – MCMC Releases Class Assignment No. 1 of 2024**

The Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) has released Class Assignment No. 1 of 2024 on March 5, 2024. This Class Assignment is now in effect, and revokes Class Assignment No. 1 of 2023.

<https://www.mcmc.gov.my/en/media/announcements/class-assignment-no-1-of-2024>

### **India – BIS Guidelines for the implementation of revised IS 3854: 2023**

The Bureau of Indian Standards has issued guidelines for updating IS 3854:1997 – Switches for Domestic and Similar Purposes. All current switch manufacturers are required to adhere to the revised standard, IS 3854:2023.

The transitional phase, during which both the existing and revised standards will be applicable, extends until August 21, 2024.

For existing licensee to ensure the ongoing compliance with the standard, manufacturers are required to furnish In-house or Independent Test Reports, or relevant Test Certificates, for all product varieties covered within the existing scope of their license. The implementation of the revised IS 3854:2023 will be verified through either a special inspection or surveillance inspection, to be conducted following the submission of compliance documentation by the licensee, or at the latest, within three months from the conclusion of the concurrent running period.

For samples currently undergoing testing under the previous version, manufacturers may proceed with processing under the existing standard by submitting an Undertaking. However, the transition to the revised standard must be completed before the designated deadline.

New manufacturers seeking certification must adhere to the latest version of the standard to obtain certification.

[https://www.services.bis.gov.in/tmp/Circular\\_Pap3\\_2024-01-17.pdf](https://www.services.bis.gov.in/tmp/Circular_Pap3_2024-01-17.pdf)

### **Hong Kong – OFCA Publishes Spectrum Release Plan 2024-2026**

The Office of the Communications Authority (OFCA) in Hong Kong published the Spectrum Release Plan for 2024-2026 on February 28, 2024.

[https://www.ofca.gov.hk/filemanager/ofca/en/content\\_144/spectrum\\_plan2024\\_en.pdf](https://www.ofca.gov.hk/filemanager/ofca/en/content_144/spectrum_plan2024_en.pdf)

### **Hong Kong – OFCA Updates Specifications for MSR, NR, and AAS Base Stations**

The Office of the Communications Authority (OFCA) in Hong Kong published the following specifications in February 2024:

HKCA 1065, Issue 4 – Performance Specification for Multi-Standard Radio (MSR) Base Station

HKCA 1082, Issue 1 – Performance Specification for New Radio (NR) Base Station

HKCA 1083, Issue 1 – Performance Specification for Active Antenna System (AAS) Base Station

[https://www.ofca.gov.hk/filemanager/ofca/en/content\\_401/hkca1065.pdf](https://www.ofca.gov.hk/filemanager/ofca/en/content_401/hkca1065.pdf)

### Indonesia – SDPPI New Regulations on SAR Implementation

Following the KPC Regulatory Update issued on 29th August 2023, the Minister of Communications and Informatics of the Republic of Indonesia recently issued a new regulation NOMOR 177 TAHUN 2024 regarding Specific Absorption Rate (SAR) limitations for cellular phones and tablet computers on 7th March 2024.

Key points from the regulation include:

1. Implementation timeline for SAR local testing for cellular phones and tablet computers:

- a. fulfilment of the specific absorption rate limit on the head starting on April 1, 2024, and
- b. fulfilment of specific absorption rate limits on torso/body and limb starting on August 1, 2024.

Applications for certificates of cellular phones and tablet computers must include a report on the SAR results after the effective date.

2. If the domestic test center is unable to provide a specific absorption rate test result report, a certificate from the center indicating the issuance date of the report can be submitted for certification. The exclusion provisions are applicable for a maximum of two years from the date when the obligation to meet the SAR limit comes into effect.

The report on specific absorption rate test results for each certificate from the domestic test center must be submitted within 14 calendar days of the issuance date.

3. Certificate holders can request retesting if a cellular phone or tablet computer fails to meet the SAR limit. Devices that do not comply with the technical requirements will face sanctions for not meeting technical standards.

4. Detailed technical requirements and test method standards are specified in the regulation.

<https://productcompliancespecialists.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=75ca6532cc9b7558ff11f87bc&id=9f4825356c&e=f9bc4f7bbc>

### Azerbaijan-A new state standard for radio equipment and services has been adopted. March 7, 2024

AZS ETSI/EN 301 489-17 V3.2.3:2024 "Electromagnetic Harmonization (EMC) standard for radio equipment and services" by the Azerbaijan Standardization Institute (AZSTAND), which is subordinate to the Antimonopoly and Consumer Market Control State Service under the Ministry of Economy; Part 17: Specific conditions for broadband data transmission systems; "Adjusted standard for electromagnetic compatibility" state standard was adopted.

<https://azstand.gov.az/az/xeberler/radio-avadanligi-ve-xidmetleri-uzre-yeni-dovlet-standarti-qebul-edilib>

### South Korea-Indonesia signs LOI for cooperation in electromagnetic compatibility assessment

The Ministry of Science and ICT (Minister Lee Jong-ho) announced on March 8 (Friday) that it has signed a letter of intent (LOI) for cooperation in evaluating the suitability of broadcasting and communication equipment with the Indonesian Ministry of Communication and Information (MCI).

\* The Ministry of Communication and Informatics (MCI): the agency responsible for formulating and implementing policies for the telecommunications, IT and postal industries.

The purpose of this letter of intent for cooperation is to confirm the bilateral commitment to the signing of a mutual recognition agreement for the conformity evaluation of broadcasting and communication equipment, and to promote education and training on related technologies and exchanges of experts in the future, which is expected to further strengthen the ICT partnership between the two countries.

"Indonesia is a country with a high potential for growth in the ICT market, and the signing of a letter of intent with Indonesia is meaningful in that it has laid the foundation for revitalizing cooperation in the ICT field between the two countries," said Seo Sung-il, head of the National Radio Research Institute. "We will expand cooperation in evaluating suitability with major overseas countries to promote overseas exports of domestic ICT manufacturers and resolve export difficulties such as trade technology barriers."

[https://www.rra.go.kr/ko/notice/newsList\\_view.do?nb\\_seq=5632&cpage=1&nb\\_type=2&searchCon=&searchTxt=&sortOrder=](https://www.rra.go.kr/ko/notice/newsList_view.do?nb_seq=5632&cpage=1&nb_type=2&searchCon=&searchTxt=&sortOrder=)

### UAE- Update on AML testing

Advanced mobile location (AML) feature testing will be made mandatory.

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### United Kingdom – Notice of Proposal for Publication and Removal of Machinery Standards

The Department for Business and Trade has issued a notice regarding the publication and removal of references to standards for machinery under the Supply of Machinery (Safety) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/1597). The notice confirms the publication of a new standard (EN 474-1:2022) and the removal of a previously published standard (EN 474-1:2006+A6:2019). These actions are in accordance with regulation 2A of S.I. 2008/1597.

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65fad7ceaa9b76001dfbdbb2/ds-0099-24-machinery-proposal-to-amend.pdf>

**Israel-The Ministry of Communications will allow consumers to independently purchase an Optical Network Terminal (ONT) from a range that will be published by the authorized suppliers**

The Minister of Communications Dr. Shlomo Karai, today (Monday) decided to allow consumers to independently purchase any optical network terminal (ONT) used in an advanced network of an authorized provider. According to the decision, products that have been tested, and are of the types published in advance by the authorized providers only, will be permitted for purchase. It will be possible for consumers, who wish to do so, to use the equipment they purchased freely, even in advanced networks (based on optical fibers).

In conjunction with this, it was decided that it will not be possible to independently connect a DOCSIS cable modem used by the subscribers who receive service on HOT Telecom's traditional cable network. Such a modem will officially be considered part of the network and obtaining such will only be possible from an authorized provider.

The reason for this is that enhanced command and control on the part of the network operator is required in relation to such equipment in a cable network.

In addition, it will not be possible to independently connect a phone call adapter. The reason for this is that the use of the above stated adapter requires technological adaptations on the part of the authorized provider, without which the VoB service for the customer may be compromised, as well as information security considerations and the integrity of continuity of service. The Ministry will obligate the authorized providers

<https://www.gov.il/en/departments/news/18032024>



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