

Regulatory Update

Customs Union Agreement in Belarus, Kazakhstan, and Russia

The Customs Union of Belarus, Kazakhstan, and Russia are in the process of harmonizing the EMC (Electromagnetic compatibility) and LVE (Low-voltage equipment) regulations to allow one approval to cover all three countries.

Implementation of the newest regulations drafted for EMC and LVE (CCU decision # 879 and 884) have been postponed and are to be enforced 15 February 2013.

All products which obtain Customs Union approvals will be required to be correctly labelled (CCU decision # 711 and 800). The artwork of the Customs Union conformity mark is defined by the combination of three stylized letters "E", "A" and "C" using only right angles.



Rules of the label:

- The Mark has the same height and width
- The base size should not be less than 5 mm
- Dimensions of the conformity mark must ensure clarity and be visible to the naked eye on the general background color of the object.
- The conformity mark should be applied to each unit of production, packaging or accompanying documentation
- Image of the conformity mark should be one color and contrast with the color of the surface to which it is applied.

IMPACT:

- There is no immediate impact with the implementation of the regulations being postponed until 15 February 2013, however once regulations are implemented it should result in harmonized approval certificates which will be valid in all three countries.
- During this interim period individual country regulations involving EMC and LVE will continue to be used until the Customs Union's regulations are implemented and a transition period from current CU certificates and individual country certificates
- The Customs Union Agreement does not affect Telecom and Radio equipment. Individual country Approval requirements will remain in force for these products.

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