

Regulatory Update

Delays in Authority lead time - Argentina

For many weeks now, the Argentine Regulator, CNC, has experienced ongoing problems with their overall lead time of application reviews. These delays are owing to previous strike action in 2012 which led to a backlog of application reviews and the approach of summer period whereby many members are taking annual leave.

In addition, CNC advise that they have a limited number of staff across all departments which is also adding to the continued delays.

As a result, current lead time is now advised to be 90-100 days, rather than the standard 49 - 56 days.

CNC advise that Approvals IDs are now being issued quickly and well in advance of the certificates so that manufacturers can prepare labels and be ready for import as soon as the certificate is issued.

While CNC cannot advise for how long these delays will continue, PCS will continue to monitor lead times until processes have returned to normal.

Notes:

- *review time of renewal applications will not be affected, the delays only apply to new applications.*
- *although CNC advise the certificate must be signed before it is valid, many manufacturers are importing and selling upon receipt of the Approval ID. We have been advised that Customs do not typically request a copy of the Approval Certificate. If a product is found to not be Approved, the manufacturer is obliged to submit the application for Approval. In this instance, if the application is already in process at CNC and the law is being followed there should be no problem. CNC themselves are apparently aware that manufacturers are taking this approach.*

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