

Regulatory Update

Lebanon – New Regulatory Authority and Type Approval Scheme

The Lebanese Type Approval Regulatory Authority, Ministry of Telecommunications (MoT) will be replaced by the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA). TRA's new Type Approval regulation will come into effect on 12th October 2013.

As a result, all the certificates issued by the MoT will expire at the end of 2013 and local applicants will need to apply for a new Approval Certificate under the TRA scheme.

The following changes will be implemented under the new TRA scheme:

- There will no longer be one procedure for all products. Instead, products will be classified into 4 different RTTE categories. Products falling into Class 0 are subjected to a self-declaration scheme only. For Class 1, 2, and 3 products, different 3rd party assessment procedures will apply to each class (*please see annex 1 below for product classes*). Different Approval fee will also apply to different classes.
- Foreign manufacturers can no longer hold the Approval certificate. Instead, each Lebanese importer must apply and hold the Approval Certificates for the products they wish to import. In addition, each importer must hold a current telecommunications import license covering the RTTE class that they are applying for, prior to applying the Type Approval. Licenses will need to be renewed every two years. A prerequisite of holding a license is that the importer must be a company which is recorded in the Commercial Register in Lebanon.
- Modular Approval is sufficient for importing the host device where the module is installed; no host level approval is required.
- Certificate validity will depend on the product class. Class 0 products will be valid indefinitely, while classes 1, 2 and 3 will be valid for a period of two years, and will need to be renewed every two years.

- A new labelling format will be introduced. Labels can only be purchased from TRA after the issuance of Type Approval certificate. Manufacturer cannot design or print the label by themselves.
- These provisions apply equally to each importer and each Lebanese based manufacturer.
- Similar rules apply for the import of telecommunications Network Infrastructure Equipment, which may only be imported by licensed service providers.

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Annex 1 RTTE Classification

Equipment	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
GSM handsets	Single line equipment directly connecting to analogue PSTN services	Analogue Cordless Telephones	Pay telephones
Bluetooth (<i>Bluetooth Class 2 and 3</i>)	Single line telephones	Digital Cordless phones (not 900MHz or 1800MHz)	PBX and Key systems
Radio Hearing Aids	Fax machines	Inductive Radio Applications	TE offering direct connection to SDH relay services
	Analogue modems	Radio Microphones	All switching equipment which offer direct connection to 2 and 4 Wire analogue LL services
	Answering machines	Remote Telemetry	VoIP products (IP Telephony) irrespective of the interface offered.
	Subscriber meters	Commercial Amateur Radio	TTE offering direct connection to PRI services.
	Adjuncts and telephones offering analogue CLI	Non-Specific SRD (ISM and country specific bands)	TTE offering direct connection to E1 or other G.703 interface
	PSTN connected security alarms	Detection of Movement	HDSL Modem (subscriber)
	ADSL Modems	Short range Radio Telemetry	Analogue PMR (trunked and non-trunked systems)
	Model Control ¹ (Radio)	Wireless Audio Applications	Digital PMR
	Wi-Fi/RLAN/HiperLAN/ (indoor use only)	Broadband Wireless Access	Short Range Radio (Family Radio)
	Bluetooth (<i>Bluetooth Class1</i>)	Citizens' Band ²	Mobile Satellite Service (MSS) 1 GHz
	DECT ³ (1880- 1900MHz)	Pager Base station	Mobile Satellite

Equipment	Class 1	Class 2 and Terminal Equipment	Class 3
			Service (MSS) 1-3 GHz
	ISDN basic rate		V-SAT
			Fixed Links
			Wireless Local Loop transceivers
			Road Transport Telematics
			UMTS Handsets
			WiMax Handsets
			Mobile Earth Stations
			Fixed Earth Stations
			Audio Broadcasting Equipment
			Video Broadcasting Equipment
			TE offering direct connection to X.21/V.35 services
			TE offering direct connection to X.25 services
			TE offering direct connection to Frame relay services
			TTE offering direct connection to BRI services, customer provided NT1 / NT2 equipment
			TTE offering direct connection to BRI services Including Terminal Adaptors
			TTE offering direct connection to N*64Kbs services

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