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Regulatory Update

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South Korea – Labelling Changes and relaxation to allow some component changes

As part of the changes brought about by the National Government Organization Act (Law No. 11690, 2013. 3. 23), there has been a name change for the approval authority from Korea Communications Commission (KCC) to Ministry of Science, ICT & Future Planning.

As per the announcement NRRA Public Notice 2013-5 on Conformity Assessment for Broadcasting and Communications Equipment, this change has also meant a change in the type approval labeling identification code from 'KCC' to 'MSIP'

To recap, the Korean type approval label is made up of the Conformity Assessment mark (KC mark/logo), which remains unchanged and the Conformity Assessment Number, which is made up of four key parts:

- 1) the identification code (now MSIP), followed by
- 2) Indication of Basic Certification Information (e.g. CRM or REM etc), followed by
- 3) Applicant code (identifying the applicant) and
- 4) Product code (14 characters provided by the applicant to identify the product).

Only the identification code has been changed by NRRA Public Notice 2013-5

Products approved from 1st July 2013 should ideally use the new labeling format. There is a three month transition period whereby newly approved products can use the KCC identification code (to accommodate any manufacturers who have pre-made labels). However, labels should transition to use the MSIP identification code by 1st September 2013.

There is no need for manufacturers to change product labels for products approved prior to 1st July 2013.

A secondary change included in the NRRRA Public Notice 2013-5 allows manufacturers to make small changes to certain components (Resistors, Capacitors, Inductors and Diodes (including LEDs) without the need to update their MSIP type approval, provided:

- 1) the type approval was obtained based on EMC testing only
- 2) the electrical circuit (schematic and layout) remains identical and
- 3) the changes to component does not increase the power capacity (wattage) of the circuit.

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