

# Regulatory Alert - Mexico

## **New Type Approval applications can still be filed to IFT after expiration of NOM-EM-016-SCFI-2015 and in advance of implementation of replacement standard**

Further to PCS' Regulatory Alert published on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016, it has been confirmed that new Type Approval applications for devices operating in the frequency bands 2400-2483.5MHz, 5725-5850MHz and 902-928MHz will now be able to be filed to RF Regulator *Instituto Federal de Telecomunicaciones* (IFT) after the expiry of NOM-EM-016-SCFI-2015 on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016 and in advance of the implementation of the replacement standard.

If manufacturers decide to proceed with submitting new Type Approval applications to the IFT after 19<sup>th</sup> October and before the definitive replacement PROY-NOM-208-SCFI-2015 is formally implemented, please find below a summary of the approval process and considerations which must be taken into account during this transition period:

- After the expiry of NOM-EM-016-SCFI-2015 on 19<sup>th</sup> October, testing will take place under the technical reference IFT-008-2015 in the interim.
- Safety Regulator *Normalización y Certificación Electrónica* (NYCE) will not be able to issue CoC's (NYCE Certificates) which are typically required at Mexican Customs, as no definitive standard will be in place. To overcome this, the Mexican Secretary of Economy is expected to issue a notification to state that new devices approved by the IFT during this transition period will remain valid without the need for a NYCE CoC to be presented at Customs. The confirmed date for the issuance of the Notification

- remains unconfirmed, however PCS will keep customers updated as soon as further information is received.
- Once the PROY-NOM-208-SCFI-2015 is formally implemented, all local test reports and Approval certificates issued during the transition period will require updating to reference the new standard. No re-testing will be required, however there is expected to be a small cost incurred for the update of the local test report and Approval certificate. Furthermore, the initial Approval certificate will remain valid, even once the update effort is underway. The final Approval certificate number will not change.

It remains the case that all new Type Approval applications submitted to the IFT before 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016 will not need re-certification under PROY-NOM-208-SCFI-2015 once formally implemented. All approvals issued under NOM-EM-016-SCFI-2015 will remain valid and renewal applications will still be able to be filed after the expiration date.

PCS will continue to remain aware of any developments and a further Regulatory Update will be published once additional information is obtained.

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