

# Regulatory Alert - Vietnam

## **Vietnam to permit 4G broadband service at the end of 2016.**

On 28<sup>th</sup> of April 2016, The Ministry of Information and Communications (MIC) announced their decision to grant licenses for network operators to provide pilot 4G broadband services in either Q03 or Q04 of this year. Network operators will be allowed to use 1800 MHz frequency band for 4G services too, whereas as previously it was used for 2G only.

So far, four network operators (VNPT, Viettel, MobiFone and FPT Telecom) have been granted with the licenses for a trial run.

It is expected that after the trial program is finished, the Approval Authority will issue a national standard for 4G and thereafter grant Type Approval certificates covering this technology. Additional local testing will also be required for 4G technology for new and renewal Type Approval applications.

No action will be required for Approved products already on the market until the time of renewal.

PCS will continue to monitor any changes and further Regulatory Update will be provided once more information becomes available.

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