

Regulatory Alert

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Ukraine Certification Process to remain in place - 2013

Following the failure of Ukraine to sign the European Association Agreement between Ukraine and the EU on 29th November 2013, earlier plans by the National Commission for the State Regulation of Communications to abolish the legacy Type Approval (Certification) process have been put on hold.

On 01-Dec-13, requirement for CoC approvals was supposed to be withdrawn altogether, however, higher level political uncertainty and the lack of signature to move toward better EU alignment has caused a lot of chaos and a major change to the type approval landscape. This impact was unexpected and we have received large amount of conflicting information from CAB's and Authorities in Ukraine.

Radio Law and Telecom Law have historically meant CoC (Certificate of Conformity) was required. Earlier this year, the R&TTE Declaration and EMC Declaration process came into place alongside CoC approvals.

The R&TTE and EMC Declaration schemes are being run as expected in parallel to CoC scheme. The CoC scheme under the Telecom and Radio law are not being withdrawn. Instead CoCs for simple products (like short range devices) are now being issued without an expiry date. Devices that fall under the Telecom law (like most WLAN Access Points and devices with cell phone radios) are being given CoCs that expire, as per normal.

Requirement for all radios to be tested by a NAAU (National Accreditation Authority of Ukraine) accredited lab still mandates in-country testing.

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