

Critical Type Approval Regulatory Update - Pakistan



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1- Changes to the devices list exempt from Type approval

The most critical change in our opinion

2- Certificate of Compliance (CoC)

CoC required for each Type approved consignment imported into Pakistan

3- Tracking based Terminal equipment

PTA authorized license required while applying for tracking based devices type approval.

Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) has introduced new changes to the Type Approval regulations (Effective 1st December, 2018) which are critical to understand for our customers. We have provided summary of those changes in this urgent update.

The new Type Approval regulations are enacted through S.R.O. 1492(I)/18. Summary of Changes as below:

1- Changes to the devices list exempt from Type approval/NOC/COC:

The new list contains : 1- Networking equipment (switches, firewalls, servers, storage devices) 2- Laptops/desktops/personal computer (non-sim based devices) 3- Tablet PC with Wifi only Functionality (Non-Sim based devices) 4- GPS only devices 5- Smart watches with Bluetooth/Wifi functionality only (Without Sim or tracking features)

Important to highlight that RFID/Bluetooth/NFC devices, Wifi Access points operating in ISM band and low powered/short range key less entry system/remote controls were previously

exempt items. These are not exempt anymore and require Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) type approval/NOC.

2- Certificate Of Compliance (CoC):

For each new consignment consisting of Type Approved SIM/IMEI based mobile devices being imported in Pakistan, an application for Certificate of Compliance (CoC) has to be made to PTA via PTA online portal system available at dirbs.pta.gov.pk/drs

3- Tracking based Terminal Equipment

Type approval of tracking based terminal equipment shall be granted only to PTA licensees who are authorized under their license to provide tracking based services.

Full latest regulation draft is available at this link:

https://www.pta.gov.pk/assets/media/ta_reg_28022020.pdf

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