

Regulatory Update

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No Type Approval to be required for Lithium batteries in Vietnam

Further to PCS Regulatory Update dated 8th July 2016 regarding the implementation of National Technical Regulation QCVN 101:2016/TTBTTTT on lithium batteries used with portable devices, it has been further advised that the Ministry of Information and Communications (MIC) has recently drafted an amendment to Circular 05/2014/TT-BTTTT from which can be concluded that the lithium battery shall only be subject to the requirement of Declaration of Conformity – not Type Approval as previously understood.

Although this draft is not yet finalised, it is anticipated to come into force on the same day with QCVN 101:2016/TTBTTTT new battery regulation, which is 1st April 2017. If draft Circular 05 comes into effect in its entirety, then lithium batteries will not require update of any Type Approval as previously believed or any additional licenses; only DoC procedures will need to be carried out by the local distributors after batteries are imported into Vietnam as standalone or as part of portable device.

PCS will continue to monitor all developments and further updates will be provided once additional information is obtained.

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