

Argentina ENACOM authorized satellite Internet services

At the end of February 2024, the national communications authority Ente Nacional de Comunicaciones of Argentina (ENACOM) has authorized OneWEB, Starlink (Elon Musk) and Amazon Kuiper to provide satellite Internet services in Argentina, expanding connectivity options beyond mobile and fiber.

This decision is a step towards greater technological openness, offering more alternatives to connect people and businesses throughout the country, even in remote areas. It also encourages greater competition among digital service providers, giving users a wide range of options and quality standards.

The key advantage of satellite Internet is its ability to provide connectivity in areas where other broadband technologies are not readily available. This makes it possible to reach remote locations and enables individuals and businesses to connect to the global digital world.

India TEC Published Extension of mandatory certification date for 10 products (ERs) under phase III & IV of MTCTE

The Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC) of India published notification on 1st April 2024 regarding extension of the deadline for mandatory TEC certification of 10 products under phase III and IV. Details are as below:

- Extension of mandatory certification date of 10 products (ERs) out of 44 products notified under MTCTE phase III and IV by four months from 1st April 2024 to 1st August 2024. The list of 10 products can be found in the Annexure-I of this newsletter.
- Mandatory date of certification for remaining 34 products (ERs) shall remain unchanged.
 3) Extension of last date of acceptance of test reports issued by ILAC accredited labs from non-border sharing countries by four months from 31st March 2024 to 31st July 2024 for the 4 products (ERs) mentioned in Annexure-II of this newsletter.

Annexure-I

| S No. | ER/Product | Notified in Phase |
|-------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Base Station for cellular network | Phase III |
| 2 | Smart Electricity Meter | Phase III |
| 3 | SIM | Phase IV |
| 4 | Mobile Radio Trunking System | Phase IV |
| 5 | VHF UHF Radio System Equipment | Phase IV |
| 6 | PTP PMP Microwave Fixed Radio System | Phase IV |
| 7 | LAN Switch | Phase IV |
| 8 | Router | Phase IV |
| 9 | IP Security Equipment | Phase IV |
| 10 | Satellite Communication Equipment | Phase IV |

Annexure-II

| S No. | ER/Product | Notified in Phase |
|-------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Base Station for Cellular network | Phase III |
| 2 | SIM | Phase IV |
| 3 | VHF UHF Radio System Equipment | Phase IV |
| 4 | Satellite Communication Equipment | Phase IV |

India TEC Published Extension of mandatory Security testing of WiFi CPE and IP Router under MTCTE

The Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC) of India announced on 28th March 2024 that the mandatory start date for accepting online applications of WiFi CPE and IP Router on MTCTE portal for security testing (ITSAR) has been extended by three months from 1st April 2024 to 1st July 2024.

On 3rd April 2024, the Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC) of India published notification announcing that a generic exemption from submission of test reports for below mentioned Parameters/Interface pertaining to all applicable ERs under MTCTE is issued up to 30th June 2024 or till further orders:

| Parameters/Interfaces Name(as per ER) | Remarks |
|--|---------------------------------|
| 5G NR (FR1) ii) 5G NR- FR1 and FR2 interworking with other Radios ERs iii) 5G NR (FR2) | Exempted for all applicable ERs |

Indonesia SDPPI issued 3 new regulations

At the end of March 2024, The DirektoratJenderal Sumber Daya dan Perangkat PosdanInformatika (SDPPI) of Indonesia issued several new regulations that will bring changes to the certification standards of SDPPI. Please review the summary of each new regulation as follows:

- PERMEN KOMINFO NO 3 TAHUN 2024

This regulation is the basic specification for SDPPI certification and will come into effect on May 23, 2024. It contains the following important information:

- 1) Regarding the acceptance date of the report: The report must come from a laboratory recognized by SDPPI, and the report date must be within 5 years before the certificate application date.
- 2) The label should include the following information: certificate number and PEG ID; QR code; Warning signs (previously only SRD specification devices did not require warning signs, but now all products are mandatory); The label should be affixed to the product and its packaging. If the product is too small, the label can only be affixed to the packaging.
- 3) The possibility of introducing series certification: If the products have the same RF specifications, brand and model, and the transmission power is less than 10mW, they can be included in the scope of series certification. Please note that if the country of origin (CoO) is different, a separate certificate is still required.

KEPMEN KOMINFO NOMOR 177 TAHUN 2024

This regulation regulates the latest SAR requirements for SDPPI certification: for products in the mobile phone and tablet categories, local SAR test reports are mandatory in Indonesia, with SAR mandatory dates of April 1, 2024 (for the head) and August 1, 2024 (for the body/limbs).

· KEPDIRJEN SDPPI NO 109 TAHUN 2024

This regulation lists the latest list of SDPPI accredited laboratories (including HKT/non HKT laboratories), which will take effect on April 1, 2024.

Vietnam MIC issued Circular No. 02/2024/TT-BTTTT

On March 29, 2024, the Ministry of Information and Communications (MIC) of Vietnam officially issued Notice No. 02/2024/TT-BTTT, which stipulated a list of products and goods that may pose a security risk (Category 2 Commodity List) managed by the Ministry of Information and Communications. This Circular 02/2024/TT-BTTTT will take effect on 15th May 2024 and replace Circular 04/2023/TT-BTTTT.

Circular 02/2024/TT-BTTTT, include significant changes to the regulations on the product and goods category that require quality inspection, conformity declaration (SDoC), and conformity certification (TAC).









