

Gulf Member States Webinar

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Agenda

- Introduction to PCS
- Gulf member states overview
- Bahrain
- Kuwait
- Oman
- Qatar
- Saudi Arabia
- UAE

Introduction to Product Compliance Specialists

- Dynamic UK based Company established in 2004
- Offices in UK and China
- Specialists in managing certification of radio, telecommunications and ITE products
- Over 30,500 Approvals obtained in 170+ countries and territories
- Multi-lingual team with 8 key languages spoken

Gulf member states

- The Gulf Cooperation Council (**GCC**) was established in 1981, and is made up of **6 Middle Eastern countries**
- The GCC is a political and economic association with an aim to achieve unity among its members
- From a regulatory perspective, the GCC Standardization Organization (**GSO**) was formally launched in 2004 to unify standardisation activities across the member states
- While the GSO has established and developing technical regulations, each member state's national standards (if available) take precedence
- There are mandatory RF and/or EMC/Safety Type Approval requirements in all member states

Bahrain



Population	~1.6M
GDP Per Capita	~\$21,438.60
Internet users	~1.5M
Mobile subscriptions	~2.5M

World bank

- ✓ National Type Approval requirements in place for RF, ITE and Telecom devices
- ✓ 2 Regulators – DWLF&M and TRA
- ✓ Paperwork only process, no samples required for local testing
- ✓ Local certificate holder required

Bahrain – DWLF&M



Scope	Bluetooth, WLAN, SRD, Satellite
Documentation requirements	Basic TCF, EU RF, EMC and Safety test reports, EU DoC and application form
Holder	Must be a local company. Not mandatory to be the importer, however
Lead time	~2 weeks
Certificate validity	3 years
Renewal process	Simplified (TCF and EU reports not required). Lead time is 1-2 weeks.

Bahrain – TRA



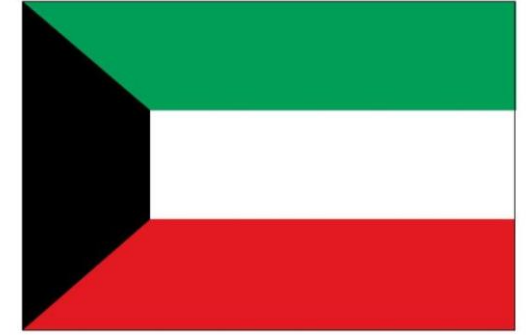
Scope	Cellular, Switches/ firewalls, servers, ITE, Telecom
Documentation requirements	Basic TCF, EU DoC and application form. Reports are not mandatory.
Holder	Must be a local company. Not mandatory to be the importer, however
Lead time	~2 weeks
Certificate validity	3 years
Renewal process	Simplified (TCF and EU reports not required). Lead time is 1-2 weeks.

Bahrain – Labelling requirements



Currently no mandatory labelling requirements

Kuwait

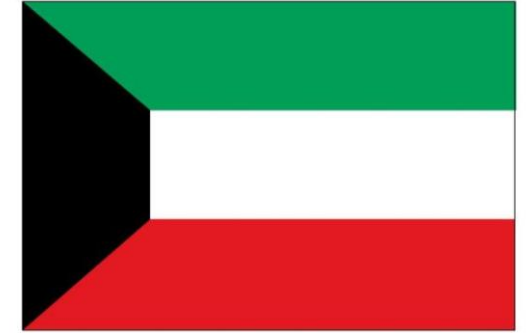


Population	~4.14 M
GDP Per Capita	~\$29,040.36
Internet users	~4.13 M
Mobile subscriptions	~7.36 M

World bank

- ✓ National Type Approval requirements in place for RF
- ✓ Regulator: Communication and Information Technology Regulatory Authority (CITRA)
- ✓ Paperwork only process, no samples required for local testing

Kuwait - CITRA



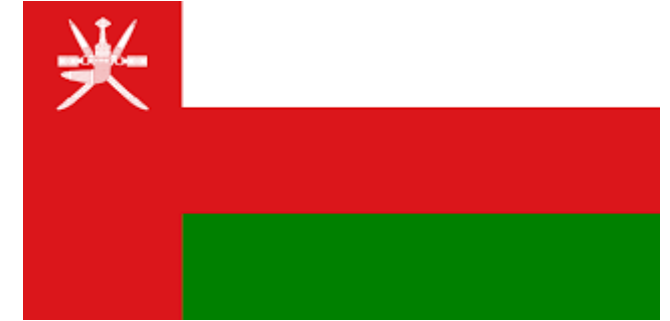
Scope	Wireless
Documentation requirements	Basic TCF, EU RF test reports, EU DoC and application form
Holder	Manufacturer can hold Approval
Lead time	4 weeks
Certificate validity	1 year
Renewal process	Simplified (TCF and EU reports not required). Lead time is 4 weeks.

Kuwait – Labelling requirements



Currently no mandatory labelling requirements,
labelling in line with EU is recommended

Oman



Population	~4.8M
GDP Per Capita	~\$15,668.37
Internet users	~3.8M
Mobile subscriptions	~6.3M

World bank

- ✓ National Type Approval requirements in place for RF and Terminal/ITE devices
- ✓ 1 Regulator – TRA
- ✓ Paperwork only process, no samples required for local testing
- ✓ Local certificate holder required

Oman - TRA



Scope	Wireless, Telecom, ITE
Documentation requirements	Basic TCF, EU RF, EMC and Safety test reports, Technical datasheet.
Holder	Local company. Each importer must have permission from the original certificate holder.
Lead time	1 week
Certificate validity	indefinite
Renewal process	n/a

Oman – Labelling requirements



OMAN - TRA
X/NNNN/YY
Dyynnnn

X = equipment class (T refers to Terminal; G refers to mobile handset; R refers to radio
NNNN = type approval number;
YY = issue year of approval

D = Dealer number
yy = year of registration;
nnnn = dealer specific number given by TRA

- ✓ Label must be affixed to product, plus packaging or user manual.
- ✓ Label must instead be applied to packaging for products with size restrictions
- ✓ Labelling is voluntary for automotive applications that are already fitted on the imported automobiles, modules and interface cards already fitted in housing before importation to Oman, and all access and core network equipment imported for installation in the public licensed telecom networks.

Qatar



Population	~2.78M
GDP Per Capita	~\$63,505.81
Internet users	~2.7M
Mobile subscriptions	~4M

World bank

- ✓ National Type Approval requirements in place for RF and Telecom devices
- ✓ 1 Regulator – Communications Regulatory Authority (CRA)
- ✓ 2 routes to Type Approval
- ✓ Paperwork only process, no samples required for local testing
- ✓ Manufacturer can hold Approval

Qatar - CRA



Scope	Wireless and Telecom
Documentation requirements	Basic TCF, EU RF test reports, EU DoC/EU TEC and application form. Declaration of Output Power/Frequency (if device operates in WLAN 5GHz and/or 865.6MHz – 867.6MHz)
Holder	Manufacturer can hold Approval
Lead time	5-7 weeks – Simplified Procedure 6-8 weeks – Standard Procedure
Certificate validity	Indefinite
Renewal process	N/A

Qatar – Labelling requirements



Currently no mandatory labelling requirements

Saudi Arabia



Population	~33.7M
GDP Per Capita	~\$20,775.20
Internet users	~28.5M
Mobile subscriptions	~41.3M

World bank

- ✓ National Type Approval requirements in place for RF, ITE and Telecom devices, and electrical/electronic devices
- ✓ RF Regulator – CITC (Communications and Information Technology Commission)
- ✓ EMC and Safety Regulator – SASO (Saudi Standards, Metrology, and Quality Organisation)
- ✓ Paperwork only process (samples required on an ad-hoc basis)

Saudi Arabia - CITC



Scope	“Communications devices”
Documentation requirements	Basic TCF, EU DoC, application form, reports and letter of conformity
Holder	Manufacturer can hold Approval
Lead time	Up to 1 week (assuming no questions)
Certificate validity	1 year
Renewal process	Simplified process
Notable challenges/considerations	CITC product scope - unpredictable

Saudi Arabia - SASO



Scope	Subject to change – domestic appliances, toys, lighting, other “high risk” IT products
Documentation requirements	CB or ILAC accredited reports (depending on requirement)
Holder	Exporter
Lead time	2 weeks
Certificate validity	Shipment CoCs are valid per shipment. Product CoCs are valid for one year.
Renewal process	n/a – CoC required per shipment
Notable challenges/considerations	Regulated product list can change

Saudi Arabia – Labelling requirements



Currently no mandatory labelling requirements with the exception of cellular phone and tablets.

Such devices need to apply an e-label which includes the Type approval certificate number. Before applying the e-label, it should be checked with CITC for permission first.

UAE



Population	~9.6M
GDP Per Capita	~\$40,782.37
Internet users	~9.4M
Mobile subscriptions	~20M

World bank

- ✓ National Type Approval requirements in place for RF, ITE and Telecom devices, and electrical/electronic devices
- ✓ RF Regulator – TRA (Telecommunications Regulatory Authority)
- ✓ RoHS and LVD Regulator – ESMA (Emirates Authority for Standardization and Metrology)

UAE - TRA



Scope	All radio and telecom equipment
Documentation requirements	Basic TCF, EU RF, EMC and Safety test reports and datasheet Samples can be requested for all devices, and are required for cellular products as standard
Holder	Any company that is registered with the TRA (then known as dealer)
Lead time	1-5 weeks (depending on device type and Approval route)
Certificate validity	3 years
Renewal process	Simplified, 2-4 weeks

UAE – ESMA (RoHS)



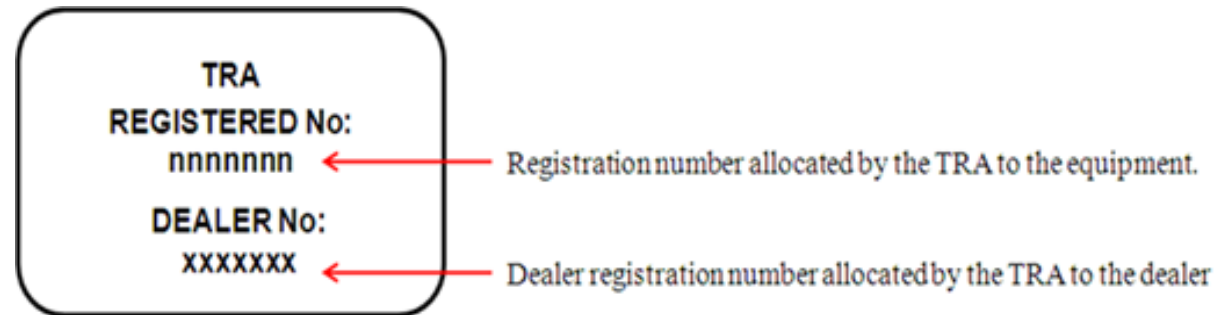
Scope	Per 2011/65 /EU - restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment
Documentation requirements	Dependant on route – ECAS or EQM
Holder	Local representative
Lead time	1 month+
Certificate validity	1 or 3 years (depending on route)
Renewal process	ECAS – per original EQM – annual audit

UAE – ESMA (LVD)

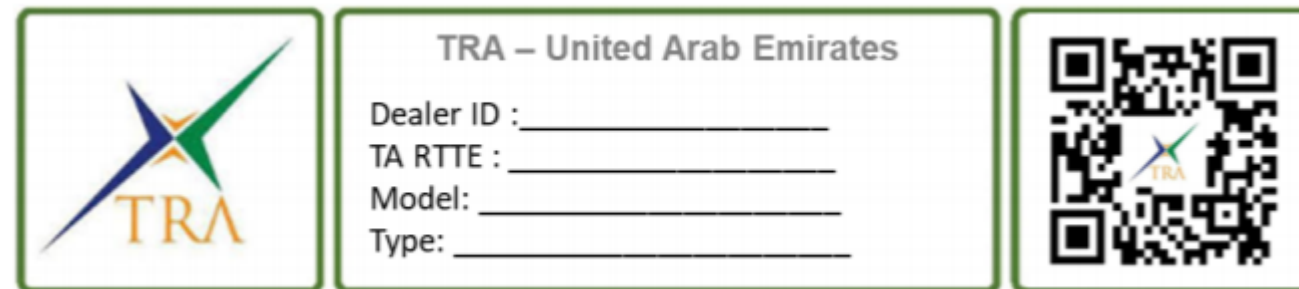


Scope	Regulated Equipment within the range 50 - 1000VAC, and 75 -1500VDC unless specifically exempted
Documentation requirements	Valid IECEE CB Test Report & Certificate to relevant safety standard required. Arabic language user manual.
Holder	Local representative
Lead time	2-4 weeks (ECAS)
Certificate validity	1 year (ECAS)
Renewal process	Per original

UAE – TRA Labelling requirements



- ✓ Label can be affixed to product, or packaging and user documentation
- ✓ E-label permitted for mobile phones only. In such cases, the label must also appear on product packaging or user documentation.
- ✓ Local retailers must also ensure that the Conformity Mark format named Declaration of Conformity Card is placed on the product display platform



UAE – EMSA Labelling requirements



- ✓ ECAS Mark must be on the product itself
- ✓ E-label, applying to packaging or user manual is also permitted (with ESMA Approval in advance)



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Emirates Quality Mark

- ✓ EQM is not mandatory for electronic devices
- ✓ EQM is a quality mark, regarded as higher value than ECAS

Questions?



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