

Regulatory Update – South Africa

SABS – Certificate of Compliance Scheme to be re-instated from 1st June 2017

South African Bureau of Standards (SABS) have issued a statement confirming that the EMC / EMI Certificate of Compliance Scheme will be re-instated from **1st June 2017**.

Please find below a summary of the information released by SABS thus far:

- Manufacturers will be required to apply for registration with SABS and a one-off registration fee of 16,000 South African Rand (circa \$1,200 USD) will be applicable.
- Once registration is complete, manufacturers will be able to apply for SABS Certificates of Compliance via a paperwork only approach, including the submission of test reports issued by a SABS accredited third party laboratory.
 - Crucially at this stage SABS have not confirmed which laboratories are accredited for their scheme, or how they go about obtaining accreditation.
 - It is also not clear whether they will accept EN reports outright (per the previous scheme) or will require laboratories conduct supplementary tests to the South Africa national SANS standards, once accredited by SABS.
- Upon review of the local test report issued by a SABS accredited third party laboratory, SABS will review the documentation provided and issue the Certificate of Compliance.

- Certificates will be valid for a period of 3 years. Manufacturers will be required to pay an annual fee of 11,000 South African Rand (circa \$820 USD) to maintain the validity of the Certificate of Compliance.

It has not been confirmed at this stage whether the requirements will only be enforced for new products imported after this date, or whether it will be applied retrospectively to products currently being imported with NRCS (Safety) and ICASA (RF) Approvals only.

PCS are pushing SABS for confirmation on full details on the new scheme and will keep customers updated as soon as they are available.

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