POLICY

Telecommunications Apparatus Type Approval

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1. Definitions

Unless the context requires otherwise, the expressions and wordings appearing in Federal Law by Decree No. (3) of 2003 Regarding the Organisation of the Telecommunications Sector shall have the same meaning ascribed thereto in the above-mentioned Federal Law by Decree, and the following expression and wording shall have the following meanings assigned thereto:

"Supplier's Declaration of Conformity (SDoC)"	A written undertaking by the registered dealer stating that named Telecommunications Apparatus conforms to specified requirements.

2. Basic principles

In order to facilitate competition in the supply of telecommunications equipment and to stimulate the availability of a wide variety of equipment at affordable prices, the type approval regime intends not to place unnecessary burdens on manufacturers and suppliers prior to permitting access to the market in the UAE. The process shall be open, transparent and non discriminatory and support the promotion of competition in the telecommunications sector.

3. Responsibility for the type approval regime

The TRA has exclusive competence in matters relating to type approval.

The TRA shall determine from which other bodies or classes of body it will accept evidence of compliance with the requirements for type approval.

4. The scope of the type approval regime

All Telecommunications Apparatus which connects directly to a Public Telecommunications Network and / or which is an intentional transmitter of radio waves shall be subject to type approval regime. Such equipment with an intentional transmitter of radio waves shall be referred to collectively as Radio and Telecommunications Terminal Equipment (RTTE).

Other Telecommunications Apparatus may be subject to alternative authorisation processes at the discretion of the TRA.

5. The objectives of the type approval regime

The purpose of the type approval regime is to ensure that:

a. RTTE does not cause harm to the general public or staff working on Public Telecommunications Networks;
b. the electromagnetic disturbance generated does not exceed the level above which RTTE or other equipment cannot operate as intended;
c. RTTE has a level of immunity to the electromagnetic disturbance to be expected in its intended use which allows it to operate without unacceptable degradation of its intended use;
d. RTTE makes efficient use of the radio spectrum; and
e. RTTE does not cause damage to, or interfere with the correct working of a public telecommunications network.

Type approval regime will not address matters of equipment quality or fitness for purpose beyond that implicit in the above.

6. Nature of the regime – key principles and features

Type approval will normally be granted on the basis of assessment of a Supplier's Declaration of Conformity (SDoC) with the required appropriate supporting documentation. The principles of ISO/IEC 17050-1:2004 "general requirements for a supplier's declaration of conformity" and ISO/IEC 17050-2:2004 "general requirements for supporting documentation to substantiate a supplier's declaration of conformity" shall be used. International standards and practice shall be followed wherever possible.

The TRA shall have discretion to test Telecommunications Apparatus or have it tested on its behalf at the applicant's expense prior to granting type approval.

The TRA shall have discretion to attach conditions to a type approval.

Type approval will be for a term of three years.

Administrative and technical changes to type-approved Telecommunications Apparatus shall be subject to assessment by the TRA.

7. Requirements on the applicant

An application for type approval shall be made by an importer, manufacturer, supplier or dealer who has registered with the TRA ("registered dealer"). The registered dealer shall have a valid trade licence for the equipment concerned. Each registered dealer shall make a separate application unless the equipment concerned is procured from a registered dealer who has already obtained type approval for the product in question.

The registered dealer shall be responsible for ensuring that Telecommunications Apparatus is suitable for the purpose for which it is supplied and that it operates in accordance with the claims made for it.

8. Basis for technical requirements

The TRA will endeavour to develop and publish the technical specifications which shall be complied with for type approval. Such specifications will cover standards prepared by recognised international and regional bodies and shall be the minimum required to achieve the type approval objectives set out above.

9. Fees

The TRA shall determine and publish fees related to type approval. Such fees are intended as a contribution towards the costs incurred by the TRA for operating the regime, including market surveillance.

The TRA shall charge the direct costs of any investigation of Telecommunications Apparatus not meeting the type approval requirements to the registered dealer who supplied the non-compliant equipment.

10. Marking & Labelling

A TRA type approval Label shall be defined to indicate to the market that Telecommunications Apparatus is type approved in accordance with the TRA procedures.

11. Coming into effect and any transition arrangements from old to new regime

Type Approvals issued by ETISALAT or the TRA prior to this Policy coming into effect shall continue to remain valid until their expiry.

Approval by the TRA in accordance with this Policy will be required for supply after such expiry.

12. Post-market activities

The TRA will complement type approval with a rigorous market surveillance and enforcement regime.

13. Promulgation

Prior to the operation of the new type approval regime, the TRA shall launch a campaign to make the parties concerned aware of the procedures.

The TRA shall publish type approval Regulations and Guidelines which spell out the details of the type approval regime set out in this policy and the processes to be followed by an applicant seeking type approval.