

COMMON REGULATORY OBJECTIVES FOR ICT EQUIPMENT

PART 1

GENERAL AND COMMON ASPECTS VALID FOR ICT EQUIPMENT

1. SCOPE

This Common Regulatory Objective (CRO) is applicable to Information and Communications Technology (ICT) equipment, as defined in Clause 2.

A CRO is structured in 2 parts:

- **Part 1:** The present document is Part 1 for all ICT equipment CROs and specifies the common and general requirements needed to satisfy the regulatory objectives of the participating Countries.
- **Part 2:** Part 2 of each ICT equipment CRO specifies, for that type of ICT equipment, the specific requirements needed to satisfy the regulatory objectives of the participating Countries.

The validity of a CRO is only achieved with the full application of Part 1 and Part 2.

Thus, each CRO will allow the corresponding type of ICT equipment, when in compliance with the associated CRO (Part 1 and Part 2), to be placed on the market and, except in cases where licensing is required, be put into service within Countries, which have implemented this CRO.

2. ICT EQUIPMENT

ICT equipment is, in the context of the present document, all equipment specified in clause 2 of the parts 2 of all equipment CROs making reference to this part 1.

3. REFERENCES

UNECE TRADE/WP.6/2002/7

An international model for technical harmonization based on good regulatory practice for the preparation, adoption and application of technical regulations via the use of international standards

(http://www.unece.org/trade/tips/wp6/wp6_major.htm)

WTO/TBT, Art 2.4 and Art 2.6

Agreements on Technical Barriers to Trade

(http://docsonline.wto.org/gen_browseDetail.asp?preprog=3); or

(http://www.wto.org/english/docs_e/legal_e/17-tbt.pdf)

ISO/IEC Guide 22: 1996

General Criteria for supplier's declaration of conformity, SDoC

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4. DEFINITIONS

Applicable definitions are found in:

WTO/TBT, Annex 1

Agreements on Technical Barriers to Trade

(http://docsonline.wto.org/gen_browseDetail.asp?preprog=3); or

(http://www.wto.org/english/docs_e/legal_e/17-tbt.pdf)

ISO/IEC Guide 2:1996

Standardization and related activities - General vocabulary

ISO/IEC Guide 22: 1996

General Criteria for supplier's declaration of conformity, SDoC

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and 17'050

5. ADOPTION OF A CRO NATIONALLY

The Countries that have agreed to a CRO shall submit that CRO to the process used nationally, in order to adopt the whole or parts of the requirements specified in that CRO into their national regulations. The international part of this process is defined in the International model for technical harmonization based on good regulatory practice for the preparation, adoption and application of technical regulations via the use of international standards.

For each CRO, Countries shall inform the UNECE Secretariat about any legal marking requirements to be met in their territory for each type of ICT equipment covered by the CRO.

6. PLACING ON THE MARKET AND PUTTING INTO SERVICE

Countries having adopted a CRO into their national regulation shall allow the placing on their market and, except where special licensing is required, putting into service of ICT equipment, which comply with the requirements of that CRO.

In the cases where licensing is required, e.g. individual frequency or special service conditions for mobile base stations, the Country will announce the UNECE, prior to subscribing the corresponding CRO. The UNECE shall immediately (within 1 month) inform all other Countries, which have notified the use of that CRO, and all Countries that are on their way to implementing that CRO.

7. REFERENCE TO STANDARDS

Preferably the reference should be done directly to the relevant international or regional standards identified in each CRO, but a Country may have national regulations requiring that the international or regional standards referenced in the Annex of Part 2 of each adopted CRO are national standards. Such Countries shall ensure that the international or regional standards are transposed into national standards (without any changes), and that this process is done in due time. If translations into its national language are needed, the Country shall ensure that the translations are done in due time. The Country shall recognise references by suppliers to the international or regional standards as equivalent to their corresponding national standards. These measures are not needed in countries where reference to the standards can be done directly.

8. COMPLIANCE

Compliance with each CRO shall be demonstrated as stated below.

- 1. The supplier shall prepare a Supplier’s Declaration of Conformity (SDoC).
- 2. The supplier shall reference the CRO in the SDoC.
- 3. The supplier shall keep the SDoC and the documentation demonstrating evidence of conformity with the CRO available for market surveillance purposes in the Countries having adopted the CRO.

9. INFORMATION PROVIDED WITH ICT EQUIPMENT

ICT equipment shall be identified by the supplier by means of type, batch and/or serial numbers and by the name of the manufacturer or the person responsible for placing the equipment on the market.

The documentation provided with the ICT equipment shall include information regarding the intended use of the equipment and how to obtain the SDoC if it is not included with the documentation.

10. MARKET SURVEILLANCE

Countries having adopted a CRO are responsible for market surveillance in its territory and have the right to withdraw the corresponding ICT equipment from its national market if they are not in compliance with that CRO.

11. PROTECTION

Any Country that withdraws equipment from the market, after it has been introduced in the market under the CRO regime, shall declare this action without any time delay to the UNECE, indicating the reasons behind its decision.

The UNECE shall immediately inform all other Countries, which have notified the use of that CRO, and all Countries that are on their way to implementing that CRO.

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