



Public Notice

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Public Comments on the Draft Revised Type Approval Guidelines for Electronic Communications Equipment

The Zambia Information and Communications Technology Authority (ZICTA) hereby invites all interested parties to submit written comments on the draft revised Information and Communications Technologies (Type Approval) Guidelines (the “draft Guidelines”). The consultation period opens on **October 21, 2026**, and closes on **November 20, 2026**.

Under the ICT Act No. 15 of 2009 and the ICT (Type Approval) Regulations, Statutory Instrument No. 6 of 2011, any electronic communications equipment intended for use, supply, sale, lease or hire in Zambia must be approved by ZICTA. Type Approval ensures that equipment meets the relevant technical, safety and interoperability standards, protecting consumers and the integrity of public electronic communications networks.

Key Changes in the Draft Guidelines

- **Risk-based classification (Section 5):** Electronic communications apparatus is now classified as either high-risk or low-risk.
- **Post-clearance compliance (Section 7):** New provisions allow equipment to be conditionally released from customs pending type approval in prescribed circumstances.
- **Storage and custody (Section 8):** Quarantined equipment must be stored at a

designated facility at the importer's cost for a maximum period of 60 days.

- **Prohibited equipment (Section 9 and Appendix 5):** The revised guidelines provision categories for prohibited equipment.
- **Labelling and product information (Section 11):** Expanded labelling requirements for all approved apparatus.
- **Exempt equipment (Appendix 7):** Categories of equipment that is exempt from Type Approval.
- **Repeal (Section 14):** The draft Guidelines, once published, will repeal and replace the Type Approval Guidelines 2022.

Who Should Submit Comments?

The Authority particularly invites submissions from: licensed mobile network operators; internet service providers; equipment importers, distributors and dealers; equipment manufacturers and their local agents; ICT equipment dealers, government ministries and regulatory agencies with intersecting mandates; standards and conformity assessment bodies; consumer and civil society organisations; academic and research institutions; and any member of the public with an interest in the regulation of electronic communications equipment in Zambia.

How to Submit Comments

The draft Guidelines are available for download on the ZICTA website at www.zicta.zm. Interested parties may submit written comments using the Stakeholder Consultation Comment Form: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/Y4WvJngRGs>, which is also available on the ZICTA website.

Submissions must be received by ZICTA no later November 20, 2026.

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