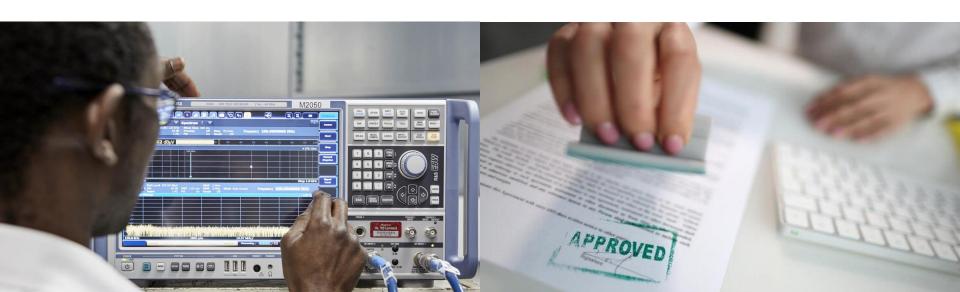
Certifications are seen as technical barriers until "non-conformities" show up.



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Outline

Regulatory certifications in the Wireless Industry

The product compliance perspective for the 6 GHz band

+ Opportunities for the region



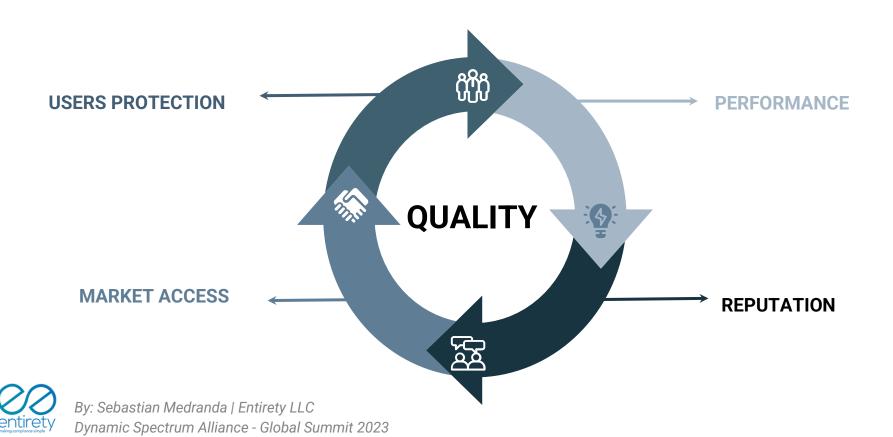


Product Certification in the Wireless Industry

It may be seen as an obstacle but it is really a competitive advantage



There is too much at stake



The product journey into certifications



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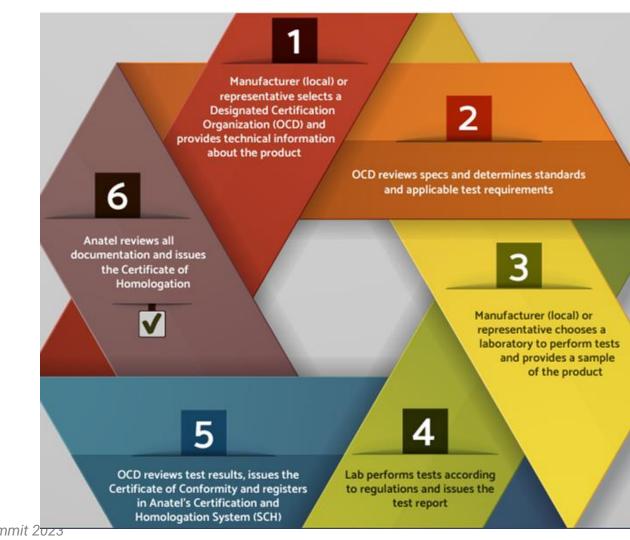
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Practical example:

ANATEL Homologation Process





Those are all legitimate concerns

EXPENSIVE?

Being first to market carries a high price to pay

Testing requires an infrastructure but it's an effective mechanism to ensure compliance

LONG?

There is some bureaucracy into it

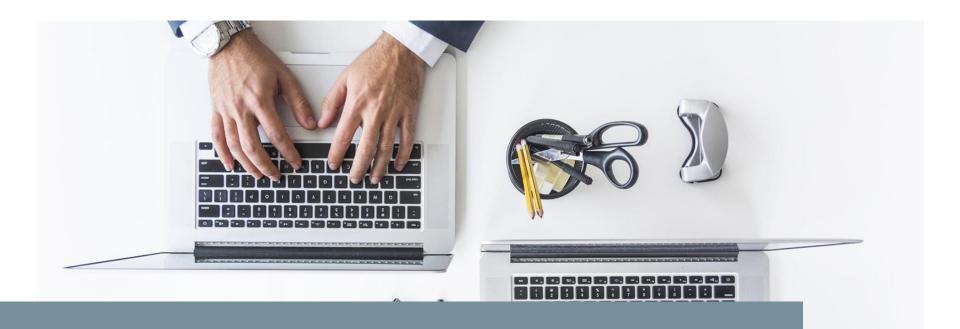
It involves a learning curve for certifications applied to every technology

COMPLEX?

Disconnection between the manufacturer and their local counterpart

Requires understanding of the requirements.





Awareness from the product compliance perspective

How the regulatory approvals for 6 GHz band will look like



Reality for Latin America

COST

Some certifications are free of charge or have a small associated fee

TIMING

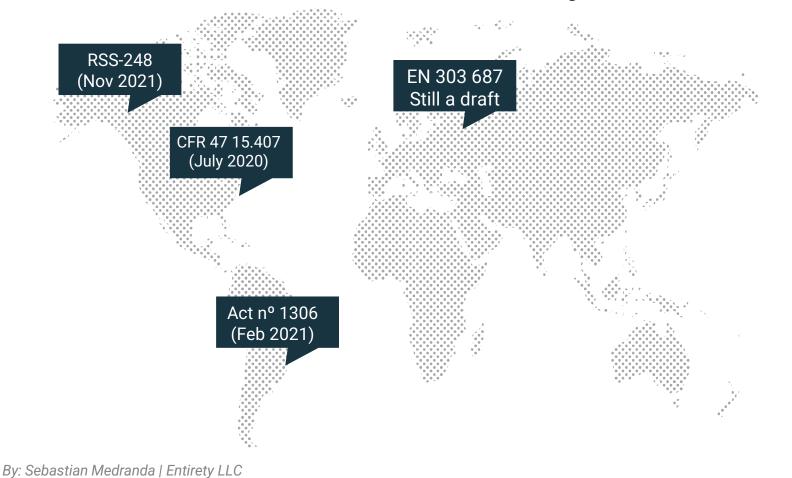
It's possible to plan market access in advance with a regional approach

COMPLEXITY

Tends to decrease overtime with a strategic approach, specially with clear and harmonized frameworks



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Product Compatibility

Product versioning is a supply chain issue

Reconfiguration of devices is not as intuitive as it seems.

Market dynamics for LATAM rely a lot on regional distribution.

Current regulatory frameworks are tied to acceptance of FCC reports.



Lack of harmonization can be a risk for both the market and for the spectrum





No need to reinvent the wheel!



Design for compliance ensures successful market access and it's more effective when is managed at a regional level.





Not only between country authorities

The industry has an educational role



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