



Mexico Market Access Services

Build your business with our market knowledge

Since 1993, electrical and electronic products imported into Mexico must be certified in accordance with the mandatory Normas Oficiales Mexicanas (NOM) standards, which establish the minimum safety requirements products must meet. The applicable legal basis for this is the Ley Federal sobre Metrología y Normalización (Federal Law on Metrology and Standardization). A second set of voluntary Mexican standards, Normas Mexicanas (NMX), exists for products not covered under NOM standards or products which are referenced in a NOM standard and have minimum safety requirements like product's functionality.

The Secretaría de Economía (SE) has delegated the conformity evaluation services, to the Entidad Mexicana de Acreditación (EMA). Most product categories require testing and certification be performed by organizations located in Mexico that are accredited by EMA and approved by SE. Where a certification organisation does not exist, Dirección General de Normas (DGN), an arm of the SEC, issues certificates for the products.

The NOM certification is related to the safety of the applicable products. Presently, there are no mandatory EMC requirements in effect in Mexico.

How UL can help

UL de México, S.A. de C.V. is accredited and approved as a third-party product certification organisation to perform certification for the following product types:

- IT/AV equipment
- Electronic devices for use in office environments
- Household appliances
- Portable tools
- Industrial control and distribution equipment
- Ballasts for electrical gas discharge lamps
- Luminaires (lighting equipment)



The presence of UL-MX NOM Mark on a product means that UL has evaluated representative samples of the product and determined that it meets the safety requirements contained in the Official Mexican Standards (Normas Oficiales Mexicanas, or NOM) appropriate to the product's category and corresponding Mexican certification scheme.

You may use the UL-MX NOM Mark on the product package to promote your product's certification. For certification purposes, the UL-MX NOM Mark must appear on the product unless an alternate location on packaging is specified in writing by UL.

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NOM Equivalence Agreement

On 17th August 2010, the Mexican Secretary of Economy issued the Equivalence Agreements that established the equality of certifications issued by identified U.S. and Canadian certification organisations, in accordance with their local standards, to those issued under the existing NOM Certification Scheme without the need for application of an NOM Mark. The certification bodies identified included UL with a scope of products including:

- Safety of Data Processing Equipment (NOM-019-SCFI-1998 - all products)
- Electronic devices for use in office (NOM-016-SCFI-1993 - all products)
- Audio/video equipment covered under NOM-001-SCFI-1993

UL is authorised to issue Mexico Certificates of Compliance (Mexico CoCs), which serve as an alternate means of entry into Mexico than the NOM Mark Scheme for the above mentioned product types.

The Mexico Certificates of Compliance also offer several immediate benefits in terms of a simpler certification process, cost and time savings, including time-to-market. The CoCs eliminate duplicative product testing for the Mexico market, minimise administrative and project management efforts, and facilitate and accelerate access of your products to Mexico, as well as to the United States and Canada when combined with other UL Marks.

UL is also prepared to support our customers who would like to obtain a NOM certification under our traditional NOM Mark Services with us as an approved NOM Certification Organisation for many product categories.

UL can also help you with the new regulations for energy consumption labeling. The new regulations require a mandatory energy consumption labelling for products and appliances distributed or sold in Mexico.

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UL Services

UL offers a wide variety of services for manufacturers and importers who wish to obtain the NOM certification according to different schemes and programmes established by Mexican conformity assessment policies and procedures.

These include:

- NOM certification for electronic products according to the following standards
NOM-001-SCFI-1993
NOM-016-SCFI-1993
NOM-019-SCFI-1998
- NOM certification for electric products according to the following standards
NOM-058-SCFI-1999
NOM-003-SCFI-2000
- Issuing of a highly specialised equipment dictum.
- Ownership extension - this service only applies to national and foreign manufacturers.
- Changes or modifications of certificate scope and issued product dictum such as: extension or cancellation of models; changes to company name, address or legal representative.
- Validation letters of samples for customs.
- Product dictum.
- Product family grouping.
- Any other type of service related to conformity assessment upon request such as providing any necessary translation or other.

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