

Ericsson first with Bluetooth Type Approval

Ericsson is pleased to announce that its Bluetooth Module was granted Regulatory Type Approval by The official certification authority of Germany on January 12, 2000. The Ericsson Bluetooth Module is a small, low-cost, short range radio module. When built into mobile devices such as mobile phones, laptops or PDAs, it facilitates cable-free connectivity between devices.

This Regulatory Type Approval for the Bluetooth Module in Germany has evened the path for all subsequent products containing the Bluetooth module to be type approved in that country. Similar type approval applications for the Bluetooth Module have been submitted to fifteen other countries and Ericsson expects them to be successfully processed during March 2000. Regulatory Type Approval of the Bluetooth Module signals the beginning of what certainly will be large-scale incorporation of the Bluetooth wireless technology into future mobile and other devices by Ericsson.

Bluetooth product qualification and Regulatory Type Approval

Two approval programmes must be carried out before a manufacturer may release a product with the Bluetooth wireless technology on the market. The product must first comply with the required Bluetooth Specification ensuring interoperability with other products with the Bluetooth wireless technology. This Specification has been drawn up by the Bluetooth SIG (Special Interest Group) and agreed on by the Bluetooth Adopter Group made up of 1400 leading computer- telecommunication and other companies. Bluetooth SIG qualification is recognised worldwide. Before releasing a product in a particular country, a manufacturer must also obtain Regulatory Type Approval from that country's legislative body responsible for such certification.

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About Bluetooth wireless technology

The Bluetooth™ wireless technology is set to revolutionize the personal connectivity market by providing freedom from wired connections. It is a specification for a small form-factor, low-cost radio solution providing links between mobile computers, mobile phones and other portable and held devices, and connectivity to the internet. The Bluetooth Special Interest Group (SIG), comprised of leaders in the telecommunications, computing, and network industries, is driving development of the technology and bringing it to market. The Bluetooth SIG includes promoter companies 3Com, Ericsson, IBM, Intel, Lucent, Microsoft, Motorola, Nokia and Toshiba, and more than 1300 adopter companies.

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