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Permanent NOM Safety approval can be obtained upon renewal of 'Highly Specialized Equipment'

Mexican Safety body, *Normalización y Certificación Electrónica A.C* (NYCE), has advised that devices classified as 'Highly Specialized Equipment' *(Equipo Altamente Especializado)* can qualify for permanent NOM Safety approval upon the first renewal.

The devices included in the scope of 'Highly Specialized Equipment' are listed in section 1.2 of the regulation NOM-019-SCF1-1998. Please find attached an unofficial English translation of section 1.2 of NOM-019-SCF1-1998 for reference.

It has recently been confirmed by NYCE that devices can only be classified as 'Highly Specialized Equipment' if they comply with <u>both</u> of the following rules:

- They are not marketed to the general public.
- They comply with any of options a) to h) listed in section 1.2.

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1.2 Excluded from the scope of this Standard is highly specialized equipment not included in 1.1 above and which is not directly marketed to the general public but to corporate or institutional users who install, operate and update said equipment directly or for which they share responsibility with the supplier, such as:

- a) Equipment having a multiprocessor architecture, regardless of the type and number of processors that it uses, such as: workstations, scalable servers not covered by 1.1 above, superservers, minicomputers, corporate systems, enterprise systems (enterprise systems or business computer systems), intermediate-range systems, fault- tolerant systems, nonstop systems, high-performance systems, supercomputers and macrocomputers.
- b) Peripherals associated with the machines enumerated in 1.2, such as: printers, plotters, external disk drives, external tape drives, digitizing tablets, image digitizers (scanners), optical readers, monitors, terminals or control units or adapter units.
- c) Equipment used for electronic communication between data-processing equipment and peripheral equipment, local area networks (LANs), etc., such as concentrators, protocol converters or routers, which have any of the following characteristics:
 - They have a data bus greater than or equal to 100 MBs;
 - They have a modular structure designed to modify its characteristics with respect to the handling of different technologies;
 - They are programmable and can handle different communication protocols and/or permit monitoring of the local area network.
- d) Sensors, alarms and other equipment for detecting and signaling conditions capable of causing damage or personal injury.
- e) Fire-extinguisher systems.
- f) Equipment for supplying electric energy that is installed separately in a unit or system (e.g., motor-generator sets, transformers and branch-circuit supply cabling).
- g) Electronic equipment for audio-frequency reproduction and recording that is not connected to such systems as dictation machines, tape recorders and record players.
- h) Data-processing equipment specifically designed to operate at altitudes greater than 3,000 meters above sea level.

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