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Shri Neeraj Mittal, Chairman DCC & Secretary (T), Department of Telecommunications Ministry of Communications Sanchar Bhawan 20, Ashoka Road, New Delhi 110001

Subject: Clarification for import of NGSO Satellite Devices under MTCTE

Dear Sir,

Satellite Communication Devices were first notified in Dec'23 under Phase IV of MTCTE vide the afore mentioned notification. It may be noted that during this time only GSO satellites were operating in India. Hence, it was understood that the MTCTE compliance requirement was only applicable to GSO satellites.

NGSO satellite-based services are now set to be introduced in the country. It is therefore requested that the Essential Requirements (ER) for devices supporting NGSO satellite-based systems may also be examined by TEC and the same may be notified in due course.

Considering the above, we would like to earnestly request you to consider separate timelines for NGSO devices falling under satellite communications equipment under MTCTE phase 4.

We hope that our submission will merit your kind consideration and support and work out a way forward which is suitable for the Government as well as for industry.

Looking forward to the earliest affirmative action in this regard.

Kind Regards

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