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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Inspection of compliance related to trusted sources & trusted products and MTCTE -reg.

As a part of ease of doing business, the inspection proformas for various types of licensees have been simplified and the same been issued vide this office letter of even number dated 12.04.2024. In these proformas, the details of network equipment (manufacturer, make and model etc.) deployed are to be sought from the licensees. Thereafter, from such information, LSAs have to ascertain as to whether the equipment is compliant to trusted source/ trusted product and MTCTE requirements or not. The procedure for ascertaining such compliances is provided in the following paragraphs.

2. <u>Procedure to check compliance to trusted sources and products conditions:</u>

- 2.1 As per licensing conditions, with effect from 15th June 2021, the licensee, shall only connect Trusted Products in its network and also seek permission from Designated Authority for upgradation or expansion of existing Network utilizing the Telecommunication Equipment not designated as Trusted Products. However, these directions will not affect ongoing Annual Maintenance Contracts (AMC) or updates to existing equipment already inducted in the network as on date of effect.
- 2.2 All the LSAs are having credentials for accessing the Trusted Telecom Portal (https://trustedtelecom.gov.in/). The list of trusted products is available on Trusted Telecom Portal. Further, some companies have taken one time exemption for installing the products and these details are also available on the portal for the period 2023 onwards. The exemptions granted before the year 2023 are being shared with the LSAs separately.
- 2.3 By using the above-said details of trusted products and exemptions, LSAs have to examine the compliance to the license conditions in respect of the equipment (manufacturer, make and model etc.) provided by the licensee in the inspection proformas. It is pertinent to mention that compliance to an equipment with regard to trusted product has to be examined on the basis

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of date of induction of the said equipment into the licensee's network and not as per date of inspection by the LSA.

3. Procedure to check compliance to Mandatory Testing and Certification of Telecommunication Equipment (MTCTE):

- 3.1 The equipment details of which are provided by the licensees in the inspection proforma are also to be examined for compliance to MTCTE rules. MTCTE testing and certification procedure (current version TEC 93009: 2024) may be referred to regarding the scope of certification and list of items under the MTCTE scheme and also the items which are exempt (refer Annexure-A of certification procedure).
- 3.2 The details of 'certified equipments' are available on MTCTE portal of TEC (https://www.mtcte.tec.gov.in/certified equipments).
- 3.3 Accordingly, compliance to MTCTE may be evaluated by the LSAs.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

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To.

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