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Shri Anurag Jain  
Secretary  
Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)

**Subject: MAIT's Recommendations on Decriminalization of the provisions of Legal Metrology Act, 2009 read with the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodity) Rules, 2011**

Respected Sir,

***Greetings from MAIT, the apex industry body for ICT in India!***

This bears reference to proposed **Decriminalisation of penalty provisions under the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 ("LM Act")** which in its present form, prescribes imprisonment, in addition to fine, for second or subsequent offence.

Sir, Decriminalization of LM Act is a much-needed step to facilitate and promote ease of doing business. We appreciate the object of the central government to identify various statutes and decriminalise minor offences which will not only aid in unclogging court processes but will also remove criminality of offences from statutes relevant to trade and where no malafide intentions are involved thereby aiding ease of doing business and investments in India.

MAIT held detailed consultations across the ICT/Electronics hardware industry including Global/Indian Brands & EMS, as well as MSMEs; basis which, **we are hereby enclosing our recommendations on Decriminalization of "LM Act" and reasons thereof** (please refer the attached document). We have also mentioned in our set of recommendations few examples of non-substantive and trivial issues on which notices were issued as well as examples of inconsistencies in legal interpretation by different state legal metrology departments.

We sincerely hope the comments/inputs/recommendations will be found helpful and help in further strengthening the Government of India's objective of treating its entrepreneurs and enterprises as wealth creators.

Look forward to your favourable consideration and support.

With regards,

George Paul  
Chief Executive Officer

CC: Ms. Leena Nandan, Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs

Enclosed:- MAIT Detailed Recommendations on Decriminalization of LM Act