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<u>Subject: TEC's move in reworking the Essential Requirement (ER) of Mobile User</u> Equipment

Ref: TEC Circular No. 38-3/2023-MT/TEC dated 13 June 2023

Respected Sir,

## Greetings from MAIT!

We draw your kind attention to TEC's recent circular referred above, seeking to update the ER for Mobile User Equipment. Under your visionary and pragmatic leadership in enabling new policies, DoT had issued a gazette notification S.O. 2372(E) on 24th May 2022, removing Mobile User Equipment from the purview of the MTCTE certification regime.

<u>Problem Statement:</u> DoT has distinctly removed Mobile User Equipment and TEC is still moving ahead with updating the ER which fails to observe the issue vide Gazette notification S.O. 2372(E) on 24th May 2022. At a time when the mobile industry is moving ahead by leaps and bounds, industry feels that diverting the focus through such moves by TEC will lead to creating confusion to the mobile industry.

**Request:** Since the Mobile User Equipment is itself not under the purview of the MTCTE regime, there is no practical usage of updating the ER. Hence, the attempted exercise is an "exercise in futility". The industry is already compliant with all the requirements viz CRO Scheme rolled out by MeitY as the nodal agency.

We urge your good offices to kindly advise TEC to align with the decisions and the policy thrust given by the highest DoT leadership.

Looking forward to the earliest affirmative action in this regard.

Warm regards,

Col Suhail Zaidi (Retd) Director General

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