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Shri K. Rajaraman, IAS
Chairman DCC & Secretary(T)
Department of Telecommunications

Subject: Follow-up on Hon'ble Minister of Communications statement declaring existing light touch regulations

References:

- (a) MAIT letter No. MAIT/PY/2426 dated 18 January 2022.
- (b) Shri Mukesh Gupta, AD(TC), TEC email dated 04th March 2022 as a response to the ibid letter.

Respected Sir,

Greetings from MAIT!

I am writing to you on behalf of MAIT, India's apex ICT Industry body. Founded in 1982, MAIT represents India's Telecom manufacturers, IT Hardware manufacturers, Recyclers, PROs & Testing Laboratories. We are constantly engaged with DoT and other ministries to assist realise the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of Make in India for the World.

The industry is working wholeheartedly to achieve the Gol target of \$300 Bn manufacturing by 2026. In this context, mobile phone manufacturing has been at the forefront. India today stands second to only China in terms of Mobile phone manufacturing in the entire world. All this has been possible under able guidance from the Hon'ble Minister, Shri Ashwani Vaishnav ji and your gracious support. While the Mobile phone manufacturing industry has taken a high growth trajectory, it is important to maintain the momentum. We are aware that both you and the Hon'ble Minister have reiterated this aspect on multiple occasions. In this context, I wish to draw your attention to the Hon'ble Minister's speech which he made while releasing the 'Vision Document \$300 Bn Sustainable Electronics Manufacturing & Exports by 2026'. The Minister had affirmed that DoT would not get into Mobile phone manufacturing and that existing light touch regulations on mobile phones would only continue.

Sir, the placement of mobile phones and ICT products under the MTCTE regime has only increased the regulatory burden and MAIT as an association that represents mobile phone manufacturers would request that mobile phones and ICT products that are already regulated under CRO should be kept out of the ambit of MTCTE in line with the intent as articulated by the Hon'ble Minister. The Minister's speech can be accessed at <https://youtu.be/ZjBfD1RCmV8?start=5616&end=5674>. The need to keep regulation '**light touch**' and under existing regime has been promised by him.

In line with what the Hon'ble Minister had promised, we would humbly request the following:

- **Ask 1:** A suitable notification may kindly be issued from your end **to rescind the existing communication by TEC to keep 5G mobile phones and servers under the proposed Phase 5 of MTCTE regime.**
- **Ask 2:** As a corollary to the same request, the Industry further requests that a suitable notification may kindly be issued from your end **to rescind the existing notifications covering all the existing ICT products that are already regulated under CRO from the MTCTE Certification regime.**

In the absence of such a communique, the extant rules bringing ICT products under the ambit of MTCTE continue to remain in vogue and would surely adversely affect the manufacturing trajectory that we are so aggressively pursuing as a nation.

The de-linking of the ICT products and the ICT industry from the TEC-MTCTE certification regime will smoothen the industry's path for investment through the committed PLI scheme by the industry and forge ahead. India is indeed poised to become the world leader in electronics manufacturing.

We eagerly look forward to hearing from you on a positive note. I would **also request you for a suitable time for a meeting** to discuss this and other issues of relevance to the Industry.

With regards,



George Paul
Chief Executive Officer