

Department of Telecommunications
(Security Wing)

To

All Telecom Service Providers/ Various service licensees

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Subject: Extension of time for Security Certification of Telecom Equipment within India in respect of License Amendment dated 31.05.2011/3rd June' 2011 for security related concerns for expansion of Telecom Services in various zones of the country.

Kindly refer to the License Amendment dated 31.05.2011/3rd June' 2011 and subsequent licenses issued to telecom service providers to address the national concerns related to telecom and telecom networks wherein it is inter-alia stated in the said license amendment that the licensee shall induct only those network elements into his telecom network, which have been got tested as per relevant contemporary Indian or international security standards e.g. IT & IT related elements against ISO/IEC 15408 standards, for information security management system against ISO 27000 series standards, telecom and telecom related elements against 3GPP/3GPP2 security standards etc. from any international agency/labs of the standards e.g. common criteria labs in case of ISO/IEC 15408 standards until 31st March, 2013. From 1st April 2013 the certification was to be got done only from authorized and certified agencies/labs in India, which was later extended to 1st April, 2016.

In this regard, the approval of the competent authority on extension of requirement of security certification of telecom equipment only from authorized and certified agencies/labs within India has been received for a period of twelve months from 1st April, 2016 to 1st April 2017. Formal amendment will be issued by various licensing wings in due course.


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