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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Communications**  
**Department of Telecommunications**  
**Sanchar Bhawan, 20, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001**  
**(Data Services Cell)**

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**Subject: Reduction in Compliance burden as pertaining to DS Cell - Clarification on Periodic Inspection of Leased Circuits/Internet Leased Line (ILL).**

Clause 7.6, chapter IX, Part-II of Unified License Agreement states thus:

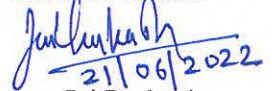
*Periodical inspections are to be carried out at the premises of ILL customers to check possible misuse and possible interconnection of Internet leased line with PSTN, PLMN, GMPCS network. First inspection at the premises of the customer must be done within 15 days of commissioning of Internet leased line.*

2. In above reference, various Telecommunication Associations (COAI, ISPAI, etc.) have sought clarification that whether lease Circuits/Internet Leased Lines provided by one licensee to another are required to be inspected by the provider licensee and whether the onus of ensuring bonafide use of such LC/ILL lies with the customer licensee (downstream ISP).

3. In above reference, the undersigned has been directed to clarify that:

Upstream ISP providing Internet Bandwidth to a downstream ISP, is required to only verify that downstream ISP has a valid ISP license. Upstream ISP is not required to inspect the premises / customers of downstream ISP.

However, each ISP Licensee will continue to ensure that the ISP itself or its customers (other than downstream ISP) do not have any interconnection with PSTN, PLMN, GMPCS network as required vide Clauses 4.2 and 7.6 of the chapter IX, Part-II of Unified License Agreement and there is no misuse.

  
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To,  
All ISP Licensees

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