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To,
Chairman,
Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs,
Ministry of Finance,
Department of Revenue,
North Block, New Delhi - 110001

Subject: Classification of signal boosters/repeaters under restricted category and permitted only to be imported against the licence issued by WPC wing.

I am directed to refer the wide range of complaints, received from the various Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) and monitoring agencies, arising due to the indiscriminate use of unauthorised mobile signal boosters/repeaters in the country.

Signal Boosters/Repeaters are radio transceiver devices, which are used to amplify the cellular mobile signals. Most of these signal boosters/repeaters which are either procured through online ecommerce websites or illegally imported and operated cause widespread interference to the existing mobile telecom networks.

To cut down the widespread use of unauthorised boosters and to restrict the ease of availability of such devices in the open market, it is requested that such devices may be classified as restricted and must be importable only against a licence issued by the WPC Wing of the Department of Telecommunications. Necessary action may be taken to ensure that such devices are not imported illegally into the country and necessary directions in this regard may also be issued to the field units of the customs authorities.

Any additional information required in identifying such equipment may also be obtained from the office of Wireless Advisor, Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001, Ph. 011-23755444 and Director, Wireless Monitoring Organisation, Pushpa Bhavan, New Delhi -110062, Ph. 011-29054712/ 011-29054618.

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