

Government of India
Ministry of Communications
Department of Telecommunications
Sanchar Bhawan, 20 Ashoka Road New Delhi – 110 001
(Carrier Services – III)

No. 10-109/2021-CS-III

Dated: 27.05.2022

To

All ILD Service providers

Subject: Extension of time period of MoD clearances from present 6 months to 1 year.


This is with reference to the issues reported by ILD operators in maintenance of submarine cables. One of the issue raised by ILD operators was the shorter period of MoD clearance (6 months) due to which ILDOs were required to apply for MoD clearance every six months. Further, since MHA clearance (for Crew members) and MoD clearance (for Vessels/ ships) are both required concurrently for laying/maintaining submarine cables, difficulties were being faced by ILDOs in synchronizing these two clearances as MHA clearance period is for 1 year while MoD clearance is for 6 months.

2. In the interest of ease of doing business, DoT took up the case with MoD to extend period of their clearance from the present 6 months to 1 year. MoD vide letter dated 12.05.2022 (**Annexure**) has agreed to the proposal of DoT to grant initial and subsequent MoD Security Clearance of vessels/ships to **one year/ duration of the contract/ the period sought, whichever is less**, subject to certain conditions.

3. Accordingly, all the ILD operators are hereby advised to take necessary actions in-line with the above mentioned letter from MoD and to synchronize their requests for MHA/MoD clearances.

This issues with the approval of Member(T).

Enclosure: MoD letter dated 12.05.2022


27/05/22
(Pradeep Kumar)
Director (CS-III)

Copy to:

1. The JS (Navy & Defence Staff), Department of Military Affairs, MoD, Room No.- 1128, Hotel Ashok, Diplomatic Enclave, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi-110021--- for kind info pls.
2. Captain J. M. Mulik, Naval Intelligence, Integrated Headquarters of Ministry of Defence (Navy), Room No.- 400 C-Wing, Sena Bhawan, New Delhi 110005 --- for kind info pls.
3. Lt. Gen. Dr. S. P. Kochhar, DG, Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) --- for information and necessary action please.

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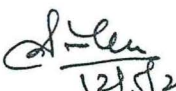
Date: 12th May, 2022

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Extension of Time-Period of MoD Clearances from Present Six Months to One year – regarding.

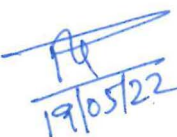
The undersigned is directed to refer to NHQ's letter No. NI-04/0012/Policy dated 15.3.2022 on the subject cited above and to convey the approval of competent authority to extend the validity of duration of initial and subsequent MoD Security Clearance of vessels/ships to one year/duration of the contract/the period sought; whichever is less; subject to following additional conditions. -

- a) Naval Security Clearance (NSC) granted will continue to be for a maximum period of six months.
- b) Vessels when demobilised will seek afresh MoD clearance.
- c) Vessels entering dry-docks or leaving ODA for repairs will seek afresh MoD clearance.
- d) There is no change of operator, equipment fit and area of operations.


12/5/22
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