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To

All the Access Service Providers (CMTS/ UAS/ Basic Service)

Subject: Direction to Meet the Requirements for National Security

It has been brought to the notice of Department of Telecommunications that many cellular mobile handsets are being authenticated in the network of cellular mobile telephone service providers without any or all zeros in IMEI / ESN numbers. This has posed national security hazard.

2. Therefore, upon making enquiries, it came to notice that network of many service providers are not fully equipped with EIR in case of GSM based networks. In case of the many service providers, some parts of the network were equipped with EIR facility.

3. Therefore, in the interest of security of the nation all cellular mobile service providers in Cellular Mobile Telecom Service (CMTS) / Unified Access Service (UAS) Licences are hereby directed to make provision of EIR so that calls without IMEI or that with IMEI with all zeros are not processed and rejected. Wherever this facility is available in the switches, the same may be implemented within a period of 15 days of issue of this letter and the details of such switches be provided to this office within 21 days of the issue of this letter. Wherever such facility is not available in switches, necessary hardware and software should be put into place within a period of three months of the date of issue of this letter and compliance reported.

4. Further, all effort should be made to complete the task preferably within two months in the interest of security of the nation.

5. Similar action should be taken in respect of CDMA based network for ESN No. and compliance reported.

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