

Government of India
Ministry of Communications & IT
Department of Telecom
Sanchar Bhawan, 20, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No. 20-40/2006-BS-III(Pt.)(Vol.I)/201

Dated: 3rd September, 2009

To

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

Subject: Direction to meet requirements for National Security

Kindly refer to letter numbers 20-40/2006-BS-III(Pt.)(Vol.I) ,dated 6th October, 2008 ,20-40/2006-BS-III(Pt.)(Vol.I)/109, dated 27th April, 2009 and 20-40/2006-BS-III(Pt.)(Vol.I)/151 ,dated 25th June, 2009 regarding subject cited above wherein it was directed to make provision of Equipment Identity Register (EIR) so that the calls from mobile handsets without IMEI or that with all zeroes as IMEI are not processed and rejected with effect from 24 hrs of 30th June ,2009.

2. It has been brought to the notice of Department of Telecommunication that many mobile handsets are being authenticated in the network of mobile service providers with non-genuine IMEIs. This has posed national security hazard.

3. GSMA representing the interests of the worldwide mobile communication industry is the only body which supplies the IMEI numbers to Mobile Handset manufacturers worldwide through its reporting bodies and maintains the IMEI database of worldwide genuine IMEI numbers. This IMEI database is also activated and updated every 15 days in the EIR of mobile operator's network.

4. Therefore, in the interest of security of nation all Cellular Mobile Service providers in Cellular Mobile Telephone Service (CMTS)/Unified Access Service (UAS) Licences are hereby directed that calls from mobile handsets with any IMEI number which is not available in the latest updated IMEI database of GSMA along with without IMEI or all zeroes as IMEI are also not processed and rejected with effect from 24 hrs of 30th November, 2009.

5. A large number of genuine innocent subscribers are using mobile handsets with IMEI numbers as referred in para 4 above. To protect the interest of these subscribers and national security, It has been decided to implement the Genuine IMEI Implant (GII) Program with cut off date as 30th November subject to all the terms and conditions mentioned in the letter no. 20-40/2006-BS-III(Pt.)(Vol.I)/109 ,dated 27th April, 2009.

6. Compliance be submitted by 15th December, 2009.

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