FAQ ON PRO-TEM CERTIFICATE

1) What is Pro-tem certificate?

As per notification No. NCCS/HQ/COMSEC/2021-22/III/I dated 16/04/2024, the security certification of IP Router and Wi-Fi CPE products falling under the category (2) of the notification are mandatory after 30/09/2024. The OEMs will not be able to sell or import the IP Router and Wi-Fi CPE product without a valid certificate after the enforcement of mandatory date.

As a one-time measure, Government has decided to issue Pro-tem Certificate to ease the supply of IP Router and Wi-Fi CPE products to the industry post enforcement of mandatory date by submitting "Declaration of Conformity Cum Undertaking" in the prescribed *pro forma*.

Pro-tem certificate is valid for 6 months, during which OEMs can sell or import IP Router and Wi-Fi CPE products. However, OEMs have to ensure that such products are certified before the expiry of Pro-tem certificate.

2) What is the process of obtaining Pro-tem certificate?

Interested OEMs/Applicants can make application for security certification as a regular application along with the request for issue of Pro-tem security certificate through https://www.mtcte.tec.gov.in portal for those IP Router and Wi-Fi CPE products falling under category (2) of notification No. NCCS/HQ/COMSEC/2021-22/III/I dated 16/04/2024.

Along with application, applicant can submit 'Declaration of Conformity cum Undertaking' in the prescribed *pro forma*. After scrutiny, NCCS will issue Pro-tem certificate based on which TEC will issue an integrated certificate with a validity of 6 months from the date of application.

3) When can the applicants apply for pro-tem certificate?
Applications are accepted from 02/10/2024 and till 31/10/2024 through MTCTE portal online. There will be no further extension of time to make application for Pro-tem certificate.

4) What are the applicable fees to get Pro-tem Certificate?

Neither Administration fee nor Security Test Evaluation fee will be levied for obtaining Pro-tem certificate, other applicable fees are as per the extant rules.

5) Is it necessary to obtain Pro-tem certificate?
OEMs can opt to apply for Pro-tem certificate, if they so desire, to avoid any disruption of their business plan in respect of IP Router and Wi-Fi CPE products falling under Category (2) of notification No. NCCS/HQ/COMSEC/2021-22/III/I dated 16/04/2024. Conversely, OEMs can also opt to apply for security certification as a regular application(where ER Certificate already issued) without seeking Pro-tem certificate and no fee will be levied for such applications till 31/10/2024.

6) Where can an applicant get 'Declaration of Conformity cum Undertaking' *pro forma*?
It is available at https://nccs.gov.in. The filled in *pro forma* can be uploaded through MTCTE portal.

7) What if the product is declared by NCCS as non compliant with the applicable ITSAR after the testing?
OEM/applicant is expected to make his equipment compliant during the validity of Pro-tem certificate failing which the product along with its associated models are to be withdrawn from the networks.

8) Is it possible to obtain Pro-tem certificate for IP Router and Wi-Fi CPE products which have been applied for security certification prior to the notification on pro-tem certification.
Yes. Applicants desiring Pro-tem certificate may submit the declaration in the prescribed *pro forma* to Director(SC&HQ) through Communication Module on the portal.

9) How can an applicant resolve the complaints related to portal?
Applicant can email their complaints to "MTCTE HELPDESK" help.mtcte.tec@gov.in. Copy can be marked to ra5.nccs-dot@govcontractor.in and ra4.nccs-dot@govcontractor.in

10) Is there any concession to MSMEs?
Kindly refer to DoT Notification No.6-35/2024-CA/TEC dated 11.07.2024 for the reimbursement of testing and certification charges for startups and telecom MSEs.