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Subject: Minutes of Meeting held on 20-Nov-2024 with TEC regarding certification of Products under MTCTE – Reg.

An online meeting was held on 20-Nov-2024 with TEC to resolve the issues related to certification of various products under MTCTE. The list of participants is attached as Annexure-A.

2.   At the outset, ADG(HQ), NCCS welcomed all the participants. A brief presentation on the key issues to be addressed, was made by DDG(SC&HQ), NCCS to all the participants.-

3.   Product Grouping: DDG(TC), TEC explained the product grouping methodology presently being followed by TEC as per the latest amended version of MTCTE Procedure 3.0. He explained the Pizza box model, chassis-based model, family-based models and split unit type models. Sr. DDG (NCCS) stressed on the need for putting the various classification of existing Model definition under MTCTE into single definition of Model for a unified approach for simplification in understanding and compliance by the OEMs.

DDG(SA), DoT HQ commented that product groupings followed by TEC & NCCS are based on hardware & software respectively. He said that these product grouping methodologies adopted by TEC and NCCS is to be harmonised.

Sr DDG(NCCS) pointed out the software includes application software, OS, BIOS/Boot software(firmware) which in turn depends on hardware. He added that even TEC is capturing the software in the ER certification and there is a provision in MTCTE portal to update/modify software version in the ER certificate but currently no OEM is doing it even after updating the software in the product.

Also, it was deliberated that there is a need for revisiting the current restriction of 9 No of associated Models under one certificate as currently followed by TEC, as the OEMs need to file various applications due to this restriction.

4. The following action points emerged during the meeting:

- NCCS shall provide the Model definition for Main Model, Associated Model for consideration of TEC. NCCS and TEC shall jointly finalize the definition and shall amend the MTCTE procedure accordingly. DDG(TC) and Director (TC) of TEC will represent TEC. DDG(SC&HQ) and Director (SC&HQ) will represent NCCS.

- TC Division, TEC proposed that Pre-check evaluation of the ITSAR BOM may be done by NCCS to avoid any gap in understanding as the validation at the later stage will be done by NCCS. However, pre-check of information in ITSAR BOM submitted by OEM is only for information purpose and for capturing in the certificate. It can not help NCCS to determine the associated models.

- TEC and NCCS shall explore the feasibility for Integrated One BoM of Product so that applicant need to submit only One BoM for its Product.

- NCCS and TEC shall jointly finalize the definition and criteria for Highly Specialized Equipment (HSE Products) and shall publish the same.

- Regarding the mismatch of software version mentioned in the ER certification and DUT supplied to TSTL for security certification, it was decided that NCCS shall instruct the TSTL to proceed with security testing of latest software version of DUT. Once the security testing is completed and ITSAR certificate is issued, integrated certificate with the latest software version will be issued.

- For the application for which ER Certificate is valid at the time of submission of application and validity of ER Certificate is expired during security testing, in such cases, while issuance of the Integrated Certificate, TEC shall obtain a self-declaration from OEM that there is no change in the ER Parameters since last certification and TEC shall issue the Integrated MTCTE Certificate. There shall be no need for separate ER Certification in such cases. However, if there are any changes in ER parameters, TEC may decide to get the application for ER Certificate renewal for the running application, if required. TEC may issue necessary

instructions to CDOT for necessary modifications in MTCTE Portal and inform the OEM applicants also.

- In the cases of issuance of *Pro Tem* certification, if ER Certificate is valid at the time of submission of application and validity of ER Certificate is expired during processing of application, *Pro Tem* security certificate shall be issued for validity of 6 months (may vary as per Govt. Instructions issued from time to time) by NCCS, subjected to product meeting the prescribed requirements for other ERs. In such cases, Integrated *Pro Tem* which will be issued by TEC, shall also be co-terminus with the validity of *Pro Tem* certification, which is currently 6 months.

- For some of the pending applications at TEC end, which were filed before the Mandatory dates for IP Router and Wi-Fi CPE and Testing was commenced by the MTCTE Labs before the Mandatory date, ER Certificate may be issued by TEC. The remaining cases, where testing was commenced after the mandatory date, it was decided that TEC shall reject those applications so that the applicant can apply afresh.

5. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

Encl: As Above.

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To

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Annexure-A

List of Participants

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1	Tripti Saxena	TEC
2	SN RamaGopal	NCCS
3	K Srikrishna	NCCS
4	Vishwa Mohan	DoT HQ
5	Ajay Kumar Nema	TEC
6	Atul Kumar Kareliya	NCCS
7	R Babu Srinivasa Kumar	NCCS
8	Rama Krishna Majety	NCCS
9	Arvind Sharma	DoT HQ
10	Khusboo Sharma	TEC
11	Sachin Rathore	NCCS
12	Ashish Redhu	NCCS