

Clarifications related to MTCTE

(Clarifications Set-2)

Issue 6: a. Is it mandatory for a telecom equipment to be certified before it can be used, offered for sale or sold?

b. My equipment is not listed in Table A or Table B of MTCTE procedure as available on TEC website. Can I infer that my equipment does not require certification?

Clarification: Gazette Notification states that any telecom equipment, which is used or capable of being used with any telecom equipment, established, maintained or worked under the license granted by the Central Government, shall have to undergo prior mandatory testing and certification. The Tables A and B of MTCTE procedure contain an indicative list of equipments only. All equipments, covered by the above scope of the Gazette Notification, are covered under the ambit of MTCTE.

Issue 7: I have some modems and routers, which are telecom equipments meant for use for my captive network. I guess they are not covered by MTCTE.

Clarification: No. As your equipments are capable of being used with any other telecom equipment of Indian Telecom Network, they are also covered by MTCTE and require certification.

Issue 8: Whose responsibility is it to get the equipment tested and certified?

Clarification: For indigenously manufactured equipment, Original Equipment Manufacturer shall be responsible for getting their telecom equipment tested and certified.

For imported telecom equipment, person importing telecom equipment shall be responsible for importing TEC certified equipment only. However, foreign Original Equipment Manufacturer shall be responsible to offer the telecom equipment for testing and certification of their telecom equipment through their authorised representative in India.

However, dealers and users should ensure that they purchase/ procure/ sell only certified equipments.

Issue 9: a. As a user, how do I know if an equipment is certified?

b. How to verify if the certification as claimed by seller is genuine?

Clarification: All model numbers certified by TEC are listed on MTCTE portal. In addition, QR code containing reference to certification information is pasted on packing cases of telecom equipments. One can scan the QR code or access MTCTE portal with the model number to verify the certification.

Issue 10: What is responsibility of Indian OEM with reference to mandatory testing of their telecom equipment?

Clarification: It shall be the responsibility of the Original Equipment Manufacturer in India for getting the mandatory testing and certification done before sale of equipment in India.

Issue 11: What is the Responsibility of importer for importing equipment with reference to MTCTE?

Clarification: Importer shall ensure that the telecom equipment, being imported, is certified by TEC.

Issue 12: What is the responsibility of foreign original equipment manufacturer?

Clarification: Foreign Original Equipment Manufacturer shall be responsible to offer their telecom equipment for testing and certification through their authorised representative in India.

The foreign Original Equipment Manufacturer shall not dispatch any quantity of the telegraph for sale in India after expiry of the validity of the test certificate.

Issue 13. What are the types of certification available under the scheme/regulation?

Clarification: 1. Simplified Certification Scheme (SCS), under which self-certification of compliance to ERs is submitted by applicant, and 2. General Certification Scheme (GCS), under which detailed test reports need to be submitted.

Issue 14. Who are eligible to submit the application for certification?

i. In respect of equipments manufactured indigenously, an authorized representative of the OEM.

ii. In respect of imported equipment, an authorized representative of the Foreign OEM can apply for certification of telecom Equipment under MTCTE. The authorized representative should have valid MoU with the foreign OEM and shall have the authorization of foreign OEM to apply for certification under MTCTE.

Issue 15: Does equipment, which has been certified by foreign certification bodies need to be certified by TEC, before it can be imported into the India?

Clarification: Yes.

Issue 16: Can I get my equipment tested against ERs from any lab and submit reports to TEC for certification?

Clarification: No. All equipments need to be tested in either RTEC, or designated labs of TEC or in a recognized CAB of MRA partner country. List of designated labs of TEC is given at TEC website.

Issue 17: a. There are not sufficient labs designated by TEC.

b. There is no facility for testing my equipment in any of the labs designated by TEC.

Clarification: More labs are under process of designation and will be available in due course. As an exception, test reports from any lab accredited by an ILAC signatory shall be accepted, until 31st March 2019.