TEC – Further stakeholder meetings regarding draft procedure for mandatory certification of telecommunication equipment in India

Further to ongoing discussions throughout 2017 concerning the implementation of the draft TEC “Procedure for Certification of Telecommunication Equipment”, further stakeholder meetings have taken place in-country, which concluded on Friday 16th March 2018.

Please find a summary of the main points discussed below:

**Scope and Requirements**

- The essential compliance requirements are still being prepared, and the complete product scope is not yet finalized. A timeframe for this to happen remains unconfirmed.
- PCS understand there is a lot of open discussion regarding the product scope and the type of products that will be subject to TEC Approval.

**Timelines**

- TEC certification will be mandatory from 1st October 2018.
- There is a notion that the requirements should be in force by 1st April 2018, however given the amount of work that needs to be done and number of open questions still to be addressed, this seems highly unlikely.

**TEC Accredited Test Laboratories**

- There are currently 6 TEC accredited / recognized test laboratories in India as follows:
  1. TUV Rheinland (Pvt) Ltd, Bangalore
  2. Sunren, Mumbai
  3. ETTL, New Delhi
  4. Bharat Test House Pvt. Ltd, Sonipat
  5. Tarang (Wipro), Bangalore
6. BNNSPEAG Sahibabad

Further laboratories are also in the process of obtaining TEC accreditation / recognition.

**Approval Details**

- It appears that Approvals will be valid for a period of 5 years – an initial Approval valid for 1 year followed by a 4-year Approval upon renewal.
- Family Approvals will be possible.
- TEC are also in the process of developing an online submission portal to facilitate Approval processing.

**Appendices**

- TEC have released a 22-page slide deck covering the latest developments and thinking for the scheme, including a 7-page Question and Answer Section – which we have attached for further reading.

**PCS Professional Opinion**

Although it is clear that some progress is being made, there are several big questions still to be addressed – most critically regarding the product scope. We anticipate that developments will gather speed as we approach the 1st October 2018 mandatory implementation date.

PCS are continuing to monitor developments closely and will keep customers informed once further information is received.

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