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To

All UAS/ UL (having Access Service Authorization) Licensees

Subject: Clarification in respect of use of 10 digit SIMs in M2M Communications -reg

Various representation from licensees have been received stating that some authorities/ entities/ system integrators are requesting them to provide 10 digit SIMs for M2M communications for specific use cases and to dispense away with the end user KYC requirement in such specific cases as envisaged in instructions dated 31.08.2023.

2. In this regard, it is clarified that as per the existing KYC framework, SIMs for M2M communications can only be issued as per guidelines dated 16.05.2018, amended from time to time. Further, it is also intimated that only 13 digit SIMs have been permitted to be used by licensees for issuing new M2M connections to M2M Service Providers w.e.f. 01.10.2018. Accordingly, all concerned authorities and entities may be informed about the KYC framework of DoT and provisions of existing KYC framework shall be followed scrupulously while issuing new M2M connections.

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1. DG (T), DoT HQ, New Delhi for kind information & necessary action.
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