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TELECOM REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF INDIA
भारत सरकार / Government of India



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Dear Sir,

Subject: Recommendations on 'Interoperability of Set Top Box' - regarding.

Non-interoperability of Set Top Box is recognized as one of the major impediments to free competitive market. In present scenario, television consumers cannot exercise their freedom to change service providers due to artificial barrier created by non-interoperable devices. TRAI has been taking various measures to achieve the set top box interoperability in the unidirectional broadcast services.

2. In this regard, TRAI issued a Consultation Paper on *suo-motu* basis on 'Interoperability of Set Top Box' on 11th November 2019 to elicit response from all the stakeholders. Questions were put up so as to seek the best solution to implement the interoperability. The Authority received comments from thirty-seven stakeholders and counter-comments from one stakeholder. An Open House Discussion (OHD) was also conducted on 8th January 2020 in New Delhi.

3. Based on the comments/inputs received, discussion held during OHD, global practices and its own analysis, TRAI has finalized its Recommendations on 'Interoperability of Set Top Box'. The same is enclosed herewith.

4. In keeping with the practice, copy of this letter, along with the recommendations, is being placed on the website of TRAI (www.trai.gov.in).

Encl: As above

With Warm regards

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10.4.2020

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