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TRAI Releases Consultation Paper on Issues relating to blocking of IMEI for lost/stolen Mobile handsets

New Delhi, 2nd November, 2010- The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has today released a consultation paper on Issues relating to blocking of IMEI for lost /stolen mobile handsets.

The mobile phone theft is a serious concern to the consumers, specially because of valuable personal data/information stored in it. Presently, there is no mechanism in place to block a mobile phone in case if it is lost. In the year 2004, TRAI had initiated a preliminary consultation process on the issue. However, at that time, a number of service providers were not having the capability to track/block the handset in their network. Therefore, the matter was not proceeded further. In order to revisit this issue the TRAI has issued this consultation paper, which brings out various issues relating to blocking of mobile handset. The consultation paper is available on TRAI website at “www.trai.gov.in”. Stakeholders are requested to offer their comments by 30th November, 2010 and counter comments, if any, by 7th December, 2010.

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