MAIT MONTHLY DIGEST
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From the Desk of the Director General

Dear Readers,
Greetings!

The month of April was a significant period for MAIT, marked by extensive engagements with key external stakeholders and a series of internal brainstorming sessions & workshops aimed at strengthening and expediting MAIT's policy initiatives.

MAIT hosted a roundtable discussion on 'Development of the Component Ecosystem in India.' Additionally, we conducted a workshop to collaborate with various industry participants in Electronics Repair Services Outsourcing (ERSO), aimed at advancing this initiative into its next phase of implementation.

In parallel, MAIT held crucial meetings with notable authorities including MeitY, DPIIT, DoT, MoEF&CC, among others. Concurrently, as the nation gears up for the Lok Sabha election, the MAIT Secretariat is actively involved in preparations for the upcoming Governing Council Election.

As we reflect on our progress in April 2024 within this edition, we eagerly anticipate your continued support and engagement.

Happy reading!

Warm regards,
Col Suhail Zaidi (Retd)

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POLICY RELATED WORK

Over the past month, MAIT has been deeply engaged in identifying and addressing the challenges encountered by the IT, telecom, and electronics hardware industry, actively liaising with appropriate government departments for resolution. Amidst a multitude of initiatives undertaken during this period, the association has prioritized several key issues, which are outlined below:

Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA)

MAIT submitted a representation to Ms. Nidhi Khare, Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs on 15 April '24. In the representation, MAIT requested DoCA to grant QR Code related exemptions under the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) (Amendment) Rules, 2023.

Ministry of Corporate Affairs(MCA)

On 04 April 2024, MAIT filed a representation to Dr. Manoj Govil, Secretary, MCA, requesting extension of deadline for submission of comments on Draft Digital Competition Report 2024 and Draft Bill on Digital Competition Bill.

Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)

MAIT submitted its inputs with DPIIT regarding Jan Vishwas 2.0 on 15 April '24.

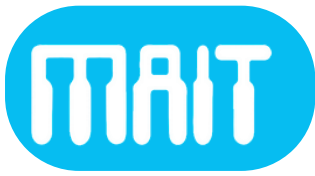## Directorate General, Systems & Data Management

On 19 April '24, MAIT filed a representation to Shri Yogendra Garg, Directorate General, Systems & Data Management (in charge of ICEGATE) regarding customs duty payment issues (via NEFT) in ICEGATE Portal.

Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)

MAIT submitted a representation with Shri Nitish Suri, Joint DGFT on 25 April '24, requesting reforms in end-user reporting requirement under India's export control regulation.
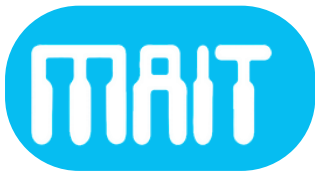
Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)

MAIT filed a representation to Shri Anand Kumar, Director, CPCB on 25 April '24, sharing the industry's concerns regarding the BTS Conversion factor under the E-Waste Management Rules.

FEEDBACK REQUESTS / CIRCULARS

- MAIT sought Inputs from its members on 27 April 2024 on Draft MoM regarding discussion on the draft guidelines on collection, handling, storage and transportation of waste batteries.

- MAIT requested inputs from its members regarding the draft representation on 26 April '24, seeking clarification on the Security Testing Notification.

- On 25 April '24, MAIT shared the minutes of the 2nd Strategic meeting of Standards & Compliance Task Force held on 19 April 2024, with its members.

- MAIT sought inputs from its members on 25 April '24 on CPCB Format and Guidelines regarding cost incurred in collection, storage, transportation, and recycling of waste batteries.

- On 25 April 2024, MAIT requested inputs from members on 25 April '24 on the Terms of Reference for setting up of MAIT-MeitY Working Group for MSMEs.

- On 23 Aoril 2024, MAIT shared the draft Minutes of the meeting held on 22 April '24 regarding EoDB Environment Report with its members for their inputs.

- MAIT shared the draft 100-Day Agenda for the Indian Electronics Industry with its members on 23 April '24 and requested their input on the same.

- MAIT shared draft representation on 'conversion factor's for BTS (ITEW 18) under EWMR was shared with members for inputs on 23 April '24.

- MAIT shared the draft representation regarding setting the highest and the lowest price for the exchange of the EPR Certificates with its members for inputs on 23 April '24.

- On 19 April' 24, MAIT requested information from members on 19 April '24 regarding input items of desktop, thin client, laptop, tablet, server and mobile phones.

- MAIT sought inputs from its members on 19 Aprll '24 on draft representation regarding customs duty payment issues (via NEFT) in the ICEGATE Portal.

- On 16 April '24, MAIT requested inputs from its members on the guidelines with regard to "parental control for responsible use of internet by children," as required by MeitY.

- On 17 April '24, MAIT shared the draft minutes of the meeting held on 15 April '24 with Additional Secretary, MoEF&CC and Chairman, CPCB, with its members for inputs.

- MAIT requested inputs from its members on 15 April '24 on Jan Vishwas 2.0.

- On 12 April '24, MAIT reached out to its members and sought their comments regarding the Trade issues related to UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreements (CEPA).

FEEDBACK REQUESTS / CIRCULARS

- MAIT requested members the list of EEE components where inter-compatibility is feasible on 11 April '24, as required by CPCB.

- On 10 April '24, MAIT extended invitation to its members for the 4th Electronics Supply Chain Summit 2024 being organised by ELCINA from 08-09 May '24 in Noida.

- MAIT requested inputs from its members on 10 April '24 regarding the upcoming EMC 3.0 Scheme.

- On 10 April '24, MAIT shared with its members the minutes of MeitY meeting held on 18 March '24 regarding the panic button feature in mobile handsets.

- MAIT requested inputs from members on inverted duty structure faced by the industry concerning ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA) on 05 April '24.

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL MEETINGS & EVENTS

Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY)

- MAIT represented the industry at the meeting held on 30 April '24 organised by MeitY on Tempered Glass Screen Protector under Compulsory Registration Order (CRO).

- MAIT represented the industry at the stakeholder consultation organised by MeitY on 10 April '24 for notifying double capped LED tube under the Schedule of CRO.

Department of Telecommunications (DoT)

A MAIT delegation had a meeting with Shri Sanjay Agrawal, DDG, Department of Telecommunications on 03 April '24 to discuss the challenges faced by the industry regarding the cell broadcasting requirements for 'auto read' in Hindi and English only and the remaining Indian languages as per the Eighth Schedule to be exempted from the purview.

Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)

MAIT representatives had a meeting with Shri Anupam Prakash, Jt. Secretary, CBIC on 26 April '24 to discuss Customs issues regarding HSN classification of Interactive Flat Panel Display (IFPDs).

Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC)

- A MAIT delegation met with Shri Anand Katoch, DDG, TEC, Mr. Ajay Kumar Nema, DDG – TC (Designate), and Shri Shashi Mohan, DDG, TEC on April 24, 2024. Discussions included Hypervisor, MTCTE Phase 5 extension, ComSec Certification guidelines on DWDM & Routers, and timeline extension for Virtual Core nodes. During this meeting, MAIT shared industry inputs.

  On this occasion, MAIT also took the opportunity to express heartfelt gratitude and bid farewell to Mr. Anand Katoch.

- MAIT was represented at the MATCOF meeting held on 10 April '24 to discuss the update of Hypervisor ER TEC30032401, considering the latest OPNFV release. At the meeting, MAIT shared its inputs on behalf of the industry.

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL MEETINGS & EVENTS

Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA)

On 04 April '24, MAIT delegation met with Ms Nidhi Khare, Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA) and congratulated her for taking over the prestigious role of Secretary, DoCA.

Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (MoIB)

MAIT represented the industry at the meeting held on 23 April '24 hosted by the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting regarding interoperability of set top boxes.

Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)

- MAIT represented the industry at the meeting organised by EWM Division, CPCB on 18 April '24 to discuss the average cost of recycling and submitted its inputs on behalf of the industry.

- MAIT represented the industry at the CPCB meeting held on 12 April '24 regarding E-Waste Recyclers registered on E-Waste EPR Portal.

Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)

On 23 April '24MAIT had a meeting with Ms Chitra Gupta, DDG, BIS on 23 April '24 to discuss the enablement of option to change the publish date after the grant of application on the BIS portal and to discuss further augmentation of security of a brand's product/model information in the www.crsbis.in portal.

DPIIT meeting on Jan Vishwas 2.0

On 16 April '24, MAIT represented the industry at a meeting regarding the proposed Jan Vishwas 2.0 bill along with submitting its inputs on behalf of the industry.

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL MEETINGS & EVENTS

Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (MoEF&CC)

MAIT represented the industry at the meeting organised by MoEF&CC on 15 April '24 to discuss issues related to Plastic Waste Management (PWM), Electronics Waste Management (EWM) & Battery Waste Management (BWM).

12th MAIT Governing Council(GC) Meeting

MAIT organised its 12th MAIT GC Meeting on 08 April '24 at Hotel Pullman, Aero City, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Mr. Rajkumar Rishi, President, MAIT and discussed important industry matters.

Roundtable on "Development of Component Ecosystem in India"

MAIT in association with Dialogue organised a Roundtable on "Development of Component Ecosystem in India" on 02 April 2024 with an aim to create a "Research Study" for Components including but not limited to identification of Components that can be localized and/or incentivized by GoI.

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL MEETINGS & EVENTS

MAIT Workshop on ERSO

MAIT successfully organised a one-day Workshop on Electronics Repair Services Outsourcing (ERSO) on 29 April 2024 at PHD House, New Delhi. The purpose of organizing this Workshop was to present the learnings of the ERSO Pilot conducted between 31 May '23 to 30 Nov '23.

Discussion on Updates of Hypervisor ER TEC30032401 to consider the latest OPNFV release

MAIT organised an internal discussion on 08 April '24 with key stakeholders regarding updates of Hypervisor ER TEC30032401 to consider the latest OPNFV release.

Internal meeting to discuss ERSO Roadmap

MAIT organised an internal discussion on ERSO Roadmap with key stakeholders on 24 April '24.

Follow-up meeting with Taskforce for Standards & Compliance regarding the setting up of agenda for the year 2024-25

MAIT organised an internal follow-up meeting with the Taskforce for Standards & Compliance on 19 April '24 for setting up of the agenda for the ensuing year.

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL MEETINGS & EVENTS

Internal discussion on the costing involved in the EPR Credits

MAIT organised an internal discussion on 22 April 2024 with key stakeholders on the costing involved in the EPR Credits.

Internal discussion on the EoDB - Environment Report

MAIT organised an internal discussion on 17 April '24 and 22 April '24 with key stakeholders on the EoDB Environment Report.

GOVT. NOTIFICATIONS – WHATS NEW!

[TEC Notification with regard to Extension of mandatory certification date for 10 products (ERs) notified under Phase-III & IV of MTCTE by four months i.e. from 01.04.2024 to 01.08.2024.](#)

[MeitY Order dated 09 April '24 regarding amendment to the Electronics and IT Goods (Requirement of Compulsory Registration) Order2021 regarding CCTVs.](#)

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