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MAIT MONTHLY DIGEST
May 2024



From the Desk of the Director General



Dear Readers,
Greetings!

May 2024 was a landmark period in MAIT's history, marked by significant developments in internal institution building and initiating important interactions with policymakers.

On May 21, 2024, a high-level delegation from MAIT met with the Hon'ble Secretary of MeitY to present its recommendations for the development of the Indian ICT industry. These recommendations emphasised the importance of introducing PLIs for components, wearables, and hearables to improve ease of doing business. The recommendations included suggestive measures for various key ministries, including the PMO. MAIT anticipates a series of meetings with these ministries in the coming days.

The measures identified by MAIT aim to make India self-reliant in electronics manufacturing, reducing dependency on other countries.

Meanwhile, MAIT is deeply engaged in the election process for its Governing Council Members and key officials, with results to be announced in the last week of June 2024.

In its efforts to transform the industry, MAIT has also initiated internal changes to provide better services. Under the guidance of industry leaders, MAIT successfully launched a new website featuring interactive elements and resources for its members. Additionally, I'm pleased to inform readers that the MAIT office has undergone a makeover, including an extension that provides additional space for staff and meetings.

MAIT expresses its gratitude to all industry leaders in all the above developments. Please read this edition for an overview of all our developments

Warm regards,

Col Suhail Zaidi (Retd)
Director General, MAIT

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POLICY RELATED WORK

During the past month, MAIT has been actively addressing the challenges faced by the electronics industry. The association has engaged extensively with relevant government departments to seek resolutions. While MAIT has initiated numerous efforts during this period, some of the key issues addressed include:

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)

- MAIT filed a representation filed to Shri Sushil Pal, Jt. Secretary, Ministry of Electronics & IT on 09 May 24, requesting intervention for Recommending Classification of IFPD under CTH 8741 to CBIC.
- On 22 May 24, MAIT filed another representation to Shri Sushil Pal, Joint Secretary, MeitY, requesting the latter to recommend the 'classification of IFPD' under CTH 84.

Department of Telecommunications (DoT)

- On 17 May 24, MAIT submitted industry Inputs to DoT regarding SAR Value norms for mobile handsets.
- MAIT filed a representation to Dr. Neeraj Mittal, Chairman DCC & Secretary (T), Department of Telecommunications on 23 May 24, requesting for extension in the timeline for certification of products under Phase V of MTCTE.

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

On 03 May 24, MAIT filed a representation to Shri Naresh Pal Gangwar, Additional Secretary, MoEF&CC, seeking clarity on the highest and the lowest price for the exchange of the EPR Certificates under the Electronics Waste Management Rules (EWMR), Plastic Waste Management Rules (PWMR) and Battery Waste Management Rules (BWMR) and request for an appointment.

Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA)

MAIT submitted its representation with Dr. Manoj Govil, Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs on 09 May' 24, requesting for further extension of timeline for submission of comments in relation to the Draft Digital Competition Report 2024 and Draft Bill on Digital Competition Law.

Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)

MAIT shared industry inputs on the Draft EC Guidelines under BWMR to CPCB on 17 May 24.

Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC)

On 15 May 24, MAIT filed a representation filed to Shri Ajay Kumar Nema, DDG-TC, TEC, requesting extension for submission of inputs to review the proposed new variants under IP Security Products ER, SAN Switch under LAN Switch ER & the Hypervisor ER along with the scope of the technical test parameters proposed.



POLICY RELATED WORK

Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)

MAIT submitted a representation to Shri Santosh Kumar Sarangi, Additional Secretary & Director General, DGFT on 15 May 24, requesting for Guidelines for Initiation of Import Management System (IMS) Application for the Renewal Period Starting from 01 Oct' 24.

Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)

On 14 May 24, MAIT filed a representation filed to Shri Anupam Prakash, Joint Secretary, CBIC, regarding an urgent request for intervention for clearance of Interactive Flat Panel Display (IFPD) shipment at various ports, including Mumbai.

National Cyber Security Coordinator (NCSC)

On 22 May 24, MAIT filed a representation to Lt Gen M U Nair (Retd), NCSC. Through the representation, MAIT apprised the NCSC secretariat regarding the challenges and operational issues associated with the NSDTS Trusted Telecom Portal.



FEEDBACK REQUESTS / CIRCULARS

- MAIT extended invitation to its members on 30 May 24 for NCCS Workshop on "Essentials of Telecom security Testing – A Tools and Testers Perspective – Part 1" scheduled for 19 June' 24.
- MAIT sought inputs from its members on 27 May 24, regarding the MTCTE Phase-V extension request.
- On 24 May 24, MAIT shared the updated data on ERSO with its members for inputs before submitting the data with MeitY.
- MAIT sought inputs from its members on 24 May 24, regarding the duty structure for PCBAs, as required by FICCI.
- MAIT extended invitation to its members on 23 May 24 for the FICCI meeting to discuss duty structure for PCBAs.
- On 22 May 24, MAIT requested inputs from its members on 22 May 24 regarding IT hardware sector, as required by MeitY
- On 21 May 24, MAIT requested inputs from its members regarding the draft recommendations for 'Circular Economy and Critical Materials and Minerals for NPE 2024.'
- MAIT sought inputs from its members on 21 May 24 on the revision of GR of Router for MPLS based Transport Network and LAN Switch.
- MAIT requested inputs from members on 21 May 24 regarding NCCS Stakeholder Consultation on Draft for Comment (DFC) ITSAR for 5G Disaggregated RAN gNodeB (CU, DU & RU).
- MAIT requested inputs from its members on 17 May 24 regarding the draft representation on draft EC guidelines under BWMR.
- On 17 May' 24, MAIT reached out to its members requested inputs from them regarding TRAI's consultation paper on Tera Hertz Range.
- MAIT sought nominations from its members on 16 May 24 for participation in the World Telecommunication Day organised by DoT on 17 May 24.
- On 16 May 24, MAIT secretariat informed its members regarding the extension for timeline to provide inputs on proposed new variants under IP security products.
- MAIT requested inputs from its members on 16 May 24 regarding the data of GSMA Mobile Connectivity index indicators, as required by MeitY.
- MAIT shared the minutes of the meeting held with original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) regarding commencement of Mandatory Security Certification were shared with members on 15 May 24.
- MAIT requested inputs from members on 15 May'24 on the draft EC guidelines under BWMR.
- On 15 May 24, MAIT shared the minutes of the 'Taskforce on Standards & Compliance' meeting with its members, which was held on 03 May 24.
- MAIT sought inputs from its members on 14 May 24 on draft representation regarding the inputs on SAR Value Norms for mobile handsets.



FEEDBACK REQUESTS / CIRCULARS

- MAIT requested inputs from its members on 14 May 24 on a draft representation regarding the industry request for the extension to file inputs on the proposed new variants under IP security products ER, SAN switch under LAN switch ER & the Hypervisor ER.
- On 14 May 24, MAIT requested inputs from its members regarding the Provisioning of USB port based Common Interface for all digital TV sets in India, as required by the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.
- On 10 May 24, MAIT requested inputs from its members regarding the draft representation that contained a request for the extension of Phase V of MTCTE.
- MAIT requested comments from its members on 10 May 24 regarding the draft Digital Competition Bill, 2024.
- MAIT sought inputs from members on 10 May 24 for MeitY Meeting on Customs issues being faced by the electronics industry.
- On 09 May 24, MAIT requested further inputs from its members on guidelines with related to 'parental control for responsible use of internet by children.'
- MAIT sought inputs from its members on 07 May 24 regarding the draft extension request for submission deadline of comments on draft Digital Competition Report 2024 and draft Digital Competition Bill.
- On 07 May 24, MAIT requested inputs from its members regarding the 'provisioning of USB port based common interface for all digital TV sets in India', as required by MIB.
- MAIT sought inputs from its members on 06 May 24 on draft representation that contained request for timeline extension for 'Security Certification.'
- On 03 May 24, MAIT requested inputs from members regarding draft representation on challenges with Trusted Source Portal.
- On 03 May 24, MAIT shared a draft representation with its members, seeking their inputs regarding the request for an extension of the effective date of the Hypervisor ER.
- MAIT extended invitation to its members on 03 May 24 for the DoT workshop on Telecommunications Standards Development Society, which was scheduled for 08 May 24.
- On 03 May 24, MAIT shared the updated draft of the 100-Day Agenda for the Indian Electronics Industry with its members for their inputs.
- MAIT requested inputs from members on 03 May 24 regarding USB Port Provisioning for Digital TV Sets meeting, as required by MeitY.
- On 02 May 24, MAIT shared the final version of the Excel sheet with its members for further inputs regarding the BOM of desktops, thin clients, laptops, tablets, servers, and mobile phones, as required by MeitY.
- MAIT sought inputs from members on 01 May 24 on Format and Guidelines shared by CPCB regarding the cost incurred in collection, storage, transportation and recycling of waste batteries.

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL MEETINGS & EVENTS

Engagement with MeitY



- A MAIT delegation met with Shri S Krishnan, Secretary of MeitY, on 21 May 24, to present 100-day plan for the growth of ICT in India. These recommendations suggest measures to further accelerate the growth of the Indian IT, telecom, and electronics manufacturing sectors.

Besides, MAIT plans to reach out to various central government ministries and departments, including the PMO, MoC, MoF, DoT, MoEF&CC, CPCB, MoCA, NCCS, and NSTDS, with these recommendations. The recommendations include urging the government to introduce PLI schemes for components as well as for wearables and hearables.

Moreover, MAIT has submitted recommendations on various aspects of Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) for the industry. MAIT strongly believes that these recommendations will position India as an integral part of the global value chains (GVCs) for the electronics industry.

- MAIT represented the industry at the meeting organised by MeitY on 22 May 24 to discuss Customs issues being faced by the electronics industry. The meeting was chaired by Shri Sushil Pal, Jt. Secretary, MeitY.
- MAIT represented the industry at the MeitY meeting held on 20 May 24 regarding Constitution of working groups in the area "Circular Economy and Critical Materials & Minerals".
- MAIT had a meeting with Ms. Asha Nangia, Sr. Director & GC, MeitY on 13 May 24 to discuss further steps on ERSO.
- MAIT had a meeting with Surendra Kumar Gotherwal, Joint Director, MeitY on 28 May 24 to discuss various industry environment issues.
- MAIT had a meeting with Ms. Asha Nangia, Sr. Director & GC, MeitY on 31 May 24 and submitted its recommendations on ERSO.

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL MEETINGS & EVENTS

Engagement with DoT



- MAIT represented the industry at the World Telecommunications Day celebrated by DoT on 17 May 24 in New Delhi.
- MAIT represented the industry at the meeting organised by DoT on 08 May 24 regarding "Presentation on review of the existing SAR value Norms for Mobile Handsets".

Engagement with DoCA

- MAIT represented the industry at the meeting organised by DoCA on 14 May 24 on Jan Vishwas 2.0 (Decriminalization on various Acts) and submitted its inputs on behalf of the industry.
- MAIT had a meeting with Shri Anupam Mishra, Jt. Secretary, DoCA on 13 May 24 to discuss QR Code related exemptions granted under the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) (Amendment) Rules, 2023.

Engagement with MIB

MAIT represented the industry at the meeting organised by the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting held on 03 May 24 to discuss the issue relating to provisioning of USB port based Common Interface for all Digital TV Sets in India (as per TRAI Recommendations on "Interoperability of Set Top Boxes").

Engagement with FICCI

MAIT represented the industry at the meetings organised by FICCI on 24 May & 27 May 24 to discuss Duty Structure for PCBAs.

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL MEETINGS & EVENTS

Engagement with CPCB

MAIT represented the industry at the meeting organised by CPCB on 27 May 24 to discuss recycling cost and Environmental compensation guidelines under E-waste (Management) Rules, 2022 and submitted its inputs on behalf of the industry.

MAIT represented the industry at the meeting organised by CPCB on 27 May 24 to discuss and address the Portal Related Challenges faced by the industry under EWMR and submitted its inputs on behalf of the industry.

MAIT represented the industry at the meeting held on 14 May 24 organised by Battery Waste Division of CPCB to discuss finalizing of the EC Guidelines under the Battery Waste Management Rules 2022.

MAIT represented the industry at the meeting held on 07 May 24 to discuss Plastic Waste Management issues and submitted its inputs on behalf of the industry.

Engagement with TEC

- MAIT represented the industry at the meeting organised by TEC on 03 May 24 regarding commencement of Mandatory Security Certification of telecom/ICT products under ComSec scheme by NCCS.
- MAIT represented the industry at the meeting of the Sub Development Coordination Committee (DCC) and Manufacturer's Forum (MF) of the FA Division, TEC held on 10 May 24. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the GR (General Requirements) on "Hybrid (AC+DC) UPS System (HUPS)".

MAIT Knowledge Session on India Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act



MAIT organised a knowledge session in association with Vincular on India Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023 on 16 May' 24. This knowledge sharing session was designed to equip the audience with the valuable insights into the Act's applicability, obligations, roles & responsibilities, penalties for non-compliance and FAQs.

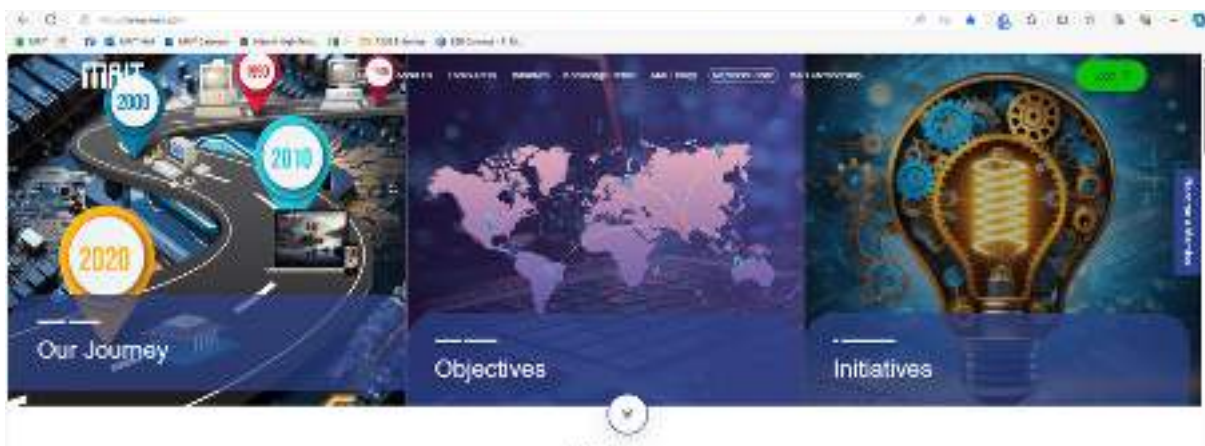
INTERNAL/EXTERNAL MEETINGS & EVENTS

Inauguration of MAIT Secretariat's Extended Office



The MAIT Secretariat Office got a pleasant makeover along with an extension of the office. The purpose of this extension was to provide ample space for internal meetings, special sessions, and other organizational needs. The extended office was inaugurated by Shri Rajkumar Rishi, President of MAIT, on 16 May 24.

Launch of MAIT's New Website & Interactive Portal for Members



Harnessing digital technology for the benefit of its members and stakeholders, MAIT spearheaded the reconstruction of its website with updated technologies. The revamped website promises an enhanced user experience and boasts additional features.

With classified features such as the Import-Export Dashboard and Knowledge Centre, the website will serve as a valuable source of information for MAIT members. Furthermore, the Representation and Policy Discourse portal has been meticulously designed to streamline internal communication and information processes, providing added benefits to members.

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL MEETINGS & EVENTS

Ongoing Governing Council Election Process at MAIT



MAIT's election for the Governing Council is in process. The last date for the return of the ballot paper was 27 May 24. MAIT will announce the result of the Governing Council elections (2024-26) during the AGM on 26 June 24. The MAIT leadership 2024-26 will be elected by the Governing Council during its first meeting on the same day.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS – WHATS NEW!



[DGFT Notification No.13/2024-25 dated 20 May 2024 w.r.t. Amendment in Para 2.31 of the Foreign Trade Policy 2023 and ITC HS 2022 Schedule 1 Import Policy.](#)



[MoEF&CC Order dated 17 May 2024 w.r.t. Extension of timeline for filing of quarterly and annual returns till 30 June 2024 under the E-Waste Management Rules 2022.](#)



[CPCB Notice dated 13 May 2024 w.r.t. Extension in timeline for filing of Annual Return by Producers, Importers & Brand Owners \(PIBOs\) / Plastic Waste Processors \(PWPs\) registered during FY 2022-23.](#)



[CPCB Notice dated 13 May 2024 w.r.t. Registration of Producers, Importers & Brand Owners \(PIBOs\) and Plastic Waste Processors \(PWPs\) on Centralized Extended Producer Responsibility \(EPR\) Portal for Plastic Packaging.](#)



[Guidance Document for Edit Sales Data Functionality, Updating of Authorization Person Details and Unblocking of User Accounts dated May 2024.](#)



[CPCB's letter to Customs dated 13 May 2024 w.r.t. E-Waste Management Rules 2022 regarding release of imported consignments of Producers of 106 EEE items \(ITEW1 to ITEW27, CEEW1 to CEEW19, LSEEW1 to LSEEW34, EETW1 to EETW8, TLSEW1 to TLSEW6, MDW1 to MDW10 and LIW1 to LIW2\) till 30-06-2024](#)

KNOWLEDGE BANK



[India's growing Industrial Sector – Imports from China \(Source: GTRI\)](#)

MAIT IN MEDIA

Higher R&D spend, AI push & manufacturing top startup founders agenda for new govt

By Anshu Singh | 22 May 2024

START UP

Startup founders and CEOs have laid out their agenda for the new government, focusing on R&D spend, AI push, and manufacturing. They also called for a 'Startup India 2.0' and a 'Startup India 3.0' to build the ecosystem for the next five years.

The Financial Express, 22 May 2024

Electronics manufacturers urge Indian Govt to introduce PLI scheme for components, wearables

In a letter to the IT ministry, the Electronics Association for Information Technology (EAIT) said that such a scheme would not only boost exports but also foster large-scale production capacity and attract investment in the electronics sector.

Money Control, 22 May 2024

MAIT's Wishlist before GoI on Indian Electronics Industry

MAIT's wishlist before the government includes a focus on R&D, AI, and manufacturing. It also calls for a 'Startup India 2.0' and a 'Startup India 3.0' to build the ecosystem for the next five years.

SME Channel, 27 May 2024

Need two more PLIs for wearables and components: MAIT

The Manufacturers' Association of Information Technology (MAIT) has been demanding that the government roll out two more PLI schemes for wearables and components to boost the electronics sector.

The Economic Times, 22 May 2024

Deploy local button to boost local value added on world stage-up in talks

The Economic Times, 29 May 2024



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