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INDIA'S APEX INDUSTRY BODY  
EMPOWERING IT, TELECOM & ELECTRONICS HARDWARE

# MAIT MONTHLY DIGEST

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## From the Desk of the Director General



Dear Readers,  
**Greetings!**

July marked the beginning of the MAIT Governing Council term (2024-26) with notable achievements for our members and the IT, Telecom & Electronics hardware sectors.

The Union Budget 2024-25 incorporated several of our recommendations, including the announcement of the Credit Guarantee Scheme to support MSMEs, the reduction of Basic Customs Duty (BCD) on mobile chargers and Printed Circuit Board Assemblies (PCBAs), and the deferral of the duty hike on lithium-ion cell parts (serial number 523a) until March 31, 2026. Furthermore, on July 10, 2024, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) extended the deadline for filing Annual Returns for FY 23-24 under the Battery Waste Management Rules 2022. These progressive measures will significantly bolster India's electronics manufacturing sector.

In another significant development, MAIT has partnered with UNICEF to launch an e-waste awareness campaign, underscoring our commitment to sustainable practices.

This month has also seen MAIT engaging with various government bodies and relevant organizations on numerous initiatives. This edition of the MAIT Monthly Digest highlights these activities.

We hope you enjoy reading it.

Stay tuned!

Warm regards,  
Col Suhail Zaidi (Retd)  
Director General,

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## KEY POLICY WINS

- CPCB granted an extension for filing Annual Returns for FY 23-24 under the Battery Waste Management Rules 2022 on 10th July 2024 by releasing an official notification.
- MAIT's recommendations on the Union Budget 2024-25 were accepted by the Government of India:
  - a) The announcement of the Credit Guarantee Scheme specifically designed for MSMEs (Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises, for which MAIT has been advocating for a while was accepted by the Government.
  - b) The reduction in BCD (Basic Customs Duty) on mobile chargers and PCBAs (Printed Circuit Board Assemblies) will significantly boost domestic production and strengthen the Indian electronics ecosystem.
  - c) The deferral of the duty hike on serial number 523a parts of lithium-ion cells until March 31, 2026, provides the much-needed breathing room for the industry. This allows manufacturers time to adjust and invest in local cell production.





## 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:

### Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)

- MAIT engaged with MeitY seeking clarification on the Import Management System (IMS) where Import Licences issued last year will expire on September 30, 2024.
- On 22 July 2024 MAIT responded to MeitY's queries w.r.t. Parliamentary questions.
- MAIT submitted inputs on the National Policy on Electronics (NPE-2024) on 11 July 2024.
- MAIT participated in the discussions on developing the component ecosystem for electronics.
- Electronics Ecosystem organized by DoT on 15 July 2024 and shared its inputs on behalf of the industry.

### Department of Telecommunications (DoT)

- Representation filed to Shri Ashok Kumar Jain, Dy. Director General, Investment Promotion Cell, Department of Telecommunications on 24 July 2024, requesting to allow digital display of information related to SAR value and safety precautions as a permanent provision.
- MAIT filed a representation filed to Dr. Neeraj Mittal, Chairman DCC & Secretary(T), Department of Telecommunications on 22 July 2024 regarding the urgent request for amendment to remove restrictions on SIM Card Procurement for R&D use.
- On 02 July '24, MAIT and COAI jointly filed a representation to Dr. Neeraj Mittal, Chairperson, DCC and Secretary, Department of Telecommunications pertaining to the industry's concerns on the stringent timelines for security certification of telecom products under ComSec.
- MAIT filed a representation filed to Shri Ashok Kumar Jain, Dy. Director General (IP), Department of Telecommunications on 02 July 2024, requesting to allow digital display of information related to SAR value and safety precautions as a permanent provision.
- MAIT submitted comments on "Consultation Paper on the Framework for Service Authorizations to be Granted Under the Telecommunications Act, 2023\*" on 31st Jul'2024



## POLICY RELATED WORK

### Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC)

Representation filed to Shri Ajay Kumar Nema, DDG (TC), Telecom Engineering Centre on 29 July '24, requesting for Timeline Extension for IP Security Equipment and 5G Core Certification under MTCTE Phases 4 and 5.

### Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)

- MAIT submitted representation filed to Shri Pramod Kumar Tiwari, Director General, Bureau of Indian Standards on 16 July '24, requesting to issue Notification of Guidance Document and test cases for expeditious implementation of CRO Phase 6 compliance with IS 18112:2022.
- Representation filed to Shri S K Dutta, Scientist- E & Head Registration, Bureau of Indian Standards on 03 July 2024 regarding MAIT's comments on BIS portal issues.

### Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEFCC)

MAIT submitted a representation to Shri Naresh Pal Gangwar, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change on 24 July 2024 regarding MAIT's concerns on CPCB's EWMR and BWMR Guidelines and Request to Delink EPR Credit and Environmental Compensation (EC) Pricing.

### Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

MAIT filed a representation to Shri Shaktikanta Das, Governor, Reserve Bank of India on 25 July 2024 regarding a request on the Expedited Return of Bank Guarantees (BGs) in GeM contracts.





## FEEDBACK REQUESTS / CIRCULARS

- MAIT shared an update on the Research Agency for Mobile Component Ecosystem Study with its members on 02 July 24.
- Based on MeitY's requirements, MAIT sought inputs from its members on 02 July' 24 regarding the benefit of concessional rate of duty (BCD) under the IGCR Rules, 2017.
- MAIT requested inputs from its members on 4th July 2024 regarding the incorporation of standards to be labelled on mobile handsets for data communication performance, as required by MeitY
- On 4 July' 24, MAIT circulated the minutes of the MIB Meeting held on 21 June' 24 to discuss TRAI's Recommendations on Promoting Local Manufacturing in the Television Broadcasting Sector amongst the members for their information & reference.
- On 4 July' 24, MAIT requested agenda points from its members for the Stakeholders' Advisory Committee meeting for Telecom Electronics Ecosystem scheduled for 15 July 2024.
- MAIT sought inputs from its members on 15 July 2024 regarding the 2-Year Strategic Roadmap Survey by MAIT.
- MAIT requested inputs from members on 15 July 2024 w.r.t. draft representation on "Request for Amendment to Remove Restrictions on SIM Card Procurement for R&D Use".
- On 12 July' 24, MAIT requested inputs from members on 12 July' 24 regarding the prevention of mobile device tampering.
- MAIT informed and sought partnership support from its members on the 'Collaborative E-waste Awareness Campaign & Collection Drive with UNICEF' on 12 July' 24.
- On 12 July 2024, MAIT circulated the consultation paper on the 'Framework for Service Authorisations to be Granted Under the Telecommunications Act, 2023' for member input.
- MAIT sought inputs from its members on 11 July' 24, related to the environmental compliances for the industry, as required by Invest India.
- On 11 July' 24, MAIT shared its report titled 'Balancing Environment Protection with Electronics Manufacturing in India - Producer's Perspective' with its members.
- MAIT requested inputs from members on 10 July' 24 on the 'Proposed List of Components for Mobile Components Report.'



## FEEDBACK REQUESTS / CIRCULARS

- On 8 July' 24, MAIT requested the inputs of members on National Policy of Electronics (NPE) 2024, as required by MeitY.
- MAIT, on 8 July' 24 extended invitations to its members for the MSME Outreach Programme with credit opportunities.
- The inputs regarding the BIS pending applications were sought from members on 08 July' 24 regarding BIS pending applications.
- On 8th July 2024 the information on the National Single Window System (NSWS) received from DPIIT was shared with members for their information and necessary action.
- On 19th July 2024, the draft representation reg. BWMR EC Guidelines, PPT, and the MoM (for the internal meeting held on 18th July 2024) were shared with members for input.
- MAIT Requested information from members on 19 July 2024 w.r.t. environmental compliances for the industry, as requested by Invest India.
- MAIT sought inputs from its members on the draft representation of Digital Display SAR Value on 23 July 2024.
- On 23rd July' 24, the updated Minutes of the Task Force on Standards & Compliance meeting held on 18th July 2024 were shared with members.
- MAIT sought inputs from its members on 23 July' 24 related to the DoT Stakeholders' Advisory Committee on Telecom electronics ecosystem.
- Proceedings of the 41st MAIT AGM held on 29 June' 24 in Delhi were shared with members on 22 July' 24.
- On 22 July' 24, MAIT sought inputs from members regarding the 'Return of Expired Bank Guarantee.'
- MAIT requested inputs from members on 22 July' 24 related to the MTCTE Phase V: 5G Core extension.
- On 24 July' 24, MAIT shared the draft comments on CCTV testing with members for inputs, as required by MeitY.
- On 25 July' 24, MAIT sent an invitation to a Virtual Meeting on R&D and IP Initiatives for the Telecom Electronics Ecosystem scheduled for 31 July' 24.



## FEEDBACK REQUESTS / CIRCULARS

- MAIT extended an invitation to its members on 25 July 2024 for a meeting with Secretary, MeitY scheduled for 30 July 2024.
- On 25 July 2024, MAIT requested inputs from members on draft representation on MTCTE Phase V: 5G Core extension.
- MAIT sought Inputs from its members on 25 July 2024 on the draft response to 'Consultation Paper on the Framework for Service Authorizations to be granted under the Telecommunications Act, 2023.'
- MAIT requested members' input on 29 July 2024 w.r.t. 'CRO Market Surveillance of products covered under Electronics and Information Technology Goods Order, 2021.'







## INTERNAL/EXTERNAL MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Engagement with the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY)



- MAIT represented the industry at the meeting organized by MeitY on 31 July 2024 under the Chairmanship of Shri S Krishnan, Secretary, MeitY to discuss the Import Management System and share its inputs on behalf of the industry.
- MAIT represented the industry at the MeitY meeting organized under the chairpersonship of Ms. Asha Nangia, Sr. Director & GC, MeitY to discuss the preparedness of CRO phase 6 compliance with IS 18112:2022 (Digital Television Receiver for Satellite Broadcast Transmission - Specification) on 10 July 2024 and shared its inputs on behalf of the industry.
- MAIT participated in the discussion on taking ERSO ahead & acceptance of MAIT's recommendations given after the completion of the ERSO Pilot.



## INTERNAL/EXTERNAL MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Engagement with the Department of Telecommunications (DoT)

- MAIT had a meeting with Shri Ashok Kumar Jain, DDG (IP), DoT on 11 July 2024 to discuss the issue of 'Digital display of SAR value.'
- MAIT represented the industry at the first Meeting of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for Telecom Electronics Ecosystem organized by DoT on 15 July 2024 and shared its inputs on behalf of the industry.
- Meeting with the Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA) Regarding QR Code on Electronics Products
- Following MAIT's advocacy, DoCA held a meeting chaired by its Secretary, Ms Nidhi Khare on 03 July' 24, to discuss the use of QR codes on electronic products. During the meeting, MAIT shared its inputs on behalf of the industry.

### Engagements with the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)

- MAIT represented the industry at the meeting organized by the Battery Waste and E-Waste Division, CPCB on 16 July' 24 regarding the Environmental Compensation and EPR Certificates Costing.
- MAIT represented the at the Stakeholder Consultation meeting organized by the Plastic Waste Division, CPCB regarding the 'Development of an Electronic Trading and Settlement Platform for plastic packaging as per the PWM Rules 2016 (as amended)' on 30 July' 24.

### Engagement with Sustainable Electronics Recycling International (SERI)

MAIT had a meeting with Ms. Sharada Rao, Chief of the Global Certification Program, SERI to discuss the implementation of the R2 V3 (Responsible Recycling Version 3) scheme in India.

### Engagement with Invest India

MAIT had a meeting with Shri S Anantha, Sr. VP, Invest India, and his team. We made a detailed presentation on "Balancing environment protection with electronics manufacturing in India" on 08 July' 24 and presented the same with key recommendations to enhance the Ease of Doing Business in India.



## INTERNAL/EXTERNAL MEETINGS & EVENTS

### MAIT visits VVDN's Manufacturing Facilities



As part of our ongoing efforts to understand the evolving electronics manufacturing ecosystem in our country, the MAIT team visited the manufacturing facilities of VVDN Technologies on 18 July' 24. MAIT commends VVDN for its proactive approach to manufacturing and delivering advanced technology products domestically and exporting them to international markets. VVDN's diverse product range includes Wi-Fi access points, IoT and Artificial Intelligence (AI) cameras, IoT gateways, EV chargers, automotive dashcams, personal and logistics trackers, industrial tablets, thermal cameras, and more.

### Internal meeting to finalise Research Agency for MAIT's study on Mobile Component Ecosystem

MAIT organized an internal meeting to finalize the Research Agency for MAIT's study on the Mobile Component Ecosystem was organized with key stakeholders on July 02, 2024.

### Internal Meeting of Producers' Committee

MAIT had a meeting with Shri Ashok Kumar Jain, DDG (IP), DoT on 11 July' 24 to discuss the issue of 'Digital display of SAR value.'



## INTERNAL/EXTERNAL MEETINGS & EVENTS

### 2nd Monthly Meeting of MAIT Governing Council (2024-26)



The second Governing Council meeting of MAIT concluded successfully on 26 July '24. Under the leadership of President Mr. Amrit Jiwan, President Emeritus Mr. Raj Kumar Rishi, Vice Presidents Mr. Sanjay Lodha and Ms. Bhawna Agarwal, and Mentor Mr. Nitin Kunkolienker, the council engaged in important deliberations leading to several key decisions.

The decisions aim to advance India's ICT hardware and mobile industries, emphasizing our commitment to overcoming industry challenges and developing the electronics manufacturing ecosystem in India. The council's strategic planning will significantly influence the sector's future trajectory.

DG MAIT, Col. Suhail Zaidi, updated attendees on ongoing projects, proposed reports, white papers, and upcoming events. He announced the dissolution of committees for 2022-24 and the formation of new ones for 2024-26 with updated ToR and a new SoP to enhance MAIT's work. Proposed Chairpersons and Co-chairpersons will be finalised by the leadership.

### Meeting with UNICEF, BAJAJ Foundation on E-Waste Awareness Campaign

On 31 July 2024, MAIT participated in the meeting organized by UNICEF along with the Bajaj Foundation to discuss the modalities of the E-Waste Collection Drive and Awareness Campaign planned.

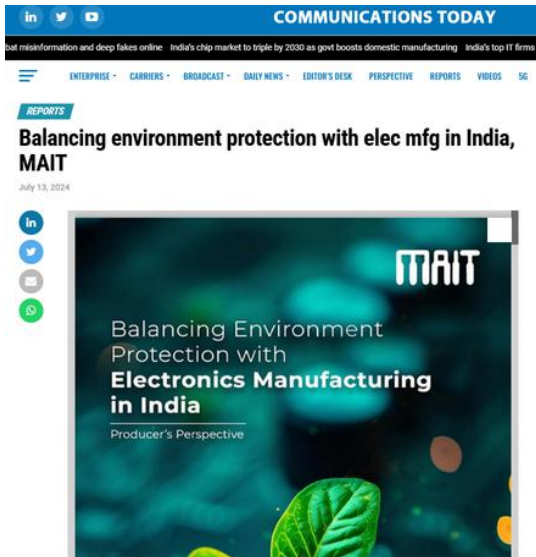




## MAIT in Media



The Week, 30 July 2024



Communications Today, 13 July 2024



Dataquest Magazine, 22 July 2024



## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS- WHAT'S NEW

- MeitY Circular dated 05 July 2024 w.r.t. "Market Surveillance of products covered under Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirement of Compulsory Registration) Order, 2021".
- MeitY Circular dated 11 July 2024 regarding "Series guidelines for implementation of IS 18112: 2022 under the Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2021".
- MoEF&CC OM dated 01 July 2024 regarding "Extension of timeline for filing of quarterly and annual returns till 31 August 2024 under the E-Waste Management Rules, 2022".
- MoEF&CC Order dated 10 July 2024 w.r.t. "Filing Annual Returns by Producers of batter under Battery Waste Management Rules, 2022".
- DPIIT Order dated 19 July 2024 w.r.t. "Revision of Public Procurement Order, 2017".
- CBIC Notification No.50/2024-Customs (N.T.) dated 19 July 2024 w.r.t. the RoDTEP benefits to SEZ.



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