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Department of Telecommunications
Licensing Group (Access Services Cell)
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To

All Access Service Providers.

Sub: Extracts of the Report of the Committee on Short Message Service.

With reference to the subject mentioned above, the undersigned is directed to convey the following relevant extracts of the subject cited report for further necessary action at your end please.

Relevant extracts of the report:

"A. Preventive Measures

- (a) **Blocking of Level + 91** : Further, UASL and CMTS operators shall make necessary arrangements to ensure that the SMS received by their network from the foreign networks via SMPP do not have 'A' party address as +91.
- (a) **Access Control Mechanism:**
- (i) The access to applications / content providers to the SMSC of service providers should be given using strict access control mechanism if it is provided over Internet.
- (ii) The access control mechanisms should include checks like user / password authentication, white lists of static IP addresses from where the applications access the SMSC and Spam filters.
- (iii) The ownership of content transferred on these links will lie with application / content provider or with the user who generates the data.

B. Complaint Redressal Measure

- (a) Service providers should be vigilant in responding to complaints made by their subscribers regarding such cases of mischief. Complaints can also be made on the common number advertised by DoT for grey market cases.(1963 & 1600110420).
- (b) An awareness campaign that using somebody else's identity, such as telephone number while communicating, amounts to impersonification and forgery, and hence is liable for penal action for criminal offence. "

This may be treated as most urgent and the Action Taken Note / Interim report may be furnished by 26.10.2007.

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