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Subject: Provisioning of satellite capacity on Non- Indian Satellites- reg.

Attention is invited to IN-SPACe (Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Center) Norms, Guidelines and Procedures for implementation of Indian Space Policy- 2023 released on 03.05.2023. The chapter –IV (Space Based Communication), Sl. No. III (Authorization of non-Indian GSO and/or NGSO satellite/constellation to enable provisioning of its capacity in India for communication services), Point (o) of the NGP which is reproduced as below:

"Fresh Authorization from IN-SPACe shall be required for authorizing the Non-Indian Satellites which are already provisioning their capacity in India either through lease agreement involving NSIL/Antrix (DOS) or through direct lease of the C-Band capacity from the Non-Indian Satellite operators. However, provisioning of such capacity from these satellites shall be permitted till March 31, 2025. The existing lease agreements expiring during this period can be extended till March 31, 2025, if required, following the existing mechanism/process. However, any new Non-Indian Satellite or any additional capacity from the existing satellites in any of the frequency bands henceforth shall require IN-SPACe Authorization. With effect from April 01, 2025, only IN-SPACe authorized Non-Indian satellites/constellations in any of the frequency bands shall be permitted to enable provisioning of their capacity in India."

2. The existing arrangements/mechanisms/processes for provisioning of capacity in any of the frequency bands (C, Ku or Ka) from the Non-Indian Satellite operators can be extended till 31.03.2025. Effective from 01.04.2025 only IN-SPACe authorized non-Indian GSO satellites and/or NGSO satellite constellation are permitted for provisioning their capacity to provide space based communication/ broadcast services in India.

3. Any new capacity, additional capacity, change of satellite etc. on non-Indian Satellite/Constellation needs IN-SPACe Authorization, through an Indian Entity, in order to enable provisioning of its capacity to users for communication/ broadcast services in Indian Territory.

4. Applications for IN-SPACe authorization must be submitted through the IN-SPACe digital platform (www.inspace.gov.in) by an Indian Entity. This entity could be an Indian subsidiary, joint venture/collaboration, or an authorized dealer/representative of the non-Indian satellite operator in India.

5. Beyond 31.03.2025, only satellites authorized by IN-SPACe can provide space-based communication and broadcast services in India, and any new or additional capacity must comply with these authorization requirements.

6. This issues with the approval of competent Authority.

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All Private Satellite Television Channels Broadcasters / Teleport Operators.