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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: <u>INDIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC), Department of Telecommunications (DoT),
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], Other:
4. Products covered (HS codes or national tariff lines. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): HS 8528
5. Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages and languages, means of access): Consultation on the Draft TEC Standard for Generic Requirement (GR) on "TEC/GR/ TEC 57120:2025" Standard For Generic Requirements of Interoperable Set Top Box as well as for TV Set with In-Built STB Functionality; (20 page(s), in English) Link to notified document(s) and/or contact details for agency or authority which can provide copies upon request: https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/IND/25_05794_00_e.pdf https://tec.gov.in/pdf/consultations/Standard%20(GR)%20for%20%20Interoperable%20Set-Top%20box.pdf
6. Description of content: This standard outlines the important technical aspects such as Standardized Interface & Specifications, Encrypted Signal Handling, Middleware Compatibility, Future Proofing, Conditional access, Compliance with Standards, Hardware and Software Interoperability. These technical specifications aim to enhance the interoperability among Set-Top Box and to ensure that user have more freedom on which service provider they want to choose and the barrier to entry is reduced.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The purpose of an interoperable set-top box is to allow users to switch between service providers (DTH, cable, IPTV) without replacing the box. It eliminates provider lock-in by using standardized hardware and software, enabling seamless service change through smart card replacement or device reauthorization.
8. Relevant documents: Draft TEC Standard for Generic Requirement (GR) on "TEC/GR/ TEC 57120:2025" Standard For Generic Requirements of Interoperable Set Top Box as well as for TV Set with In-Built STB Functionality.
9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined

10. Provision of comments

Final date for comments: 3 November 2025

[X] 60 days from notification

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