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Council for Trade in Services

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**NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III:3 OF THE
GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES**

The following notification, dated 10 June 2020, from the delegation of India, is being circulated to Members of the Council for Trade in Services.

1 MEMBER NOTIFYING:

India

2 NOTIFICATION UNDER:

Article III:3 of the General Agreement on Trade in Services

3 DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE:

22 August 2013

3.1 Duration:

Indefinite

4 AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE MEASURE:

Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications, Government of India

5 DESCRIPTION OF THE MEASURE:

Up to 21 August 2013, FDI was allowed only up to 74% in Telecom Services. Vide Press Note 6 (2013) dated 22 August 2013, the Government of India raised the FDI cap to 100% for all telecom services including Infrastructure Providers Category-I services, viz. Basic, Cellular, Unified Access Services, Unified license (Access services), Unified License, National/International Long Distance, Commercial V-Sat, Public Mobile Radio Trunked Services (PMRTS), Global Mobile Personal Communications Services (GMPCS), all types of ISP licences, Voice Mail/Audiotex/UMS, Resale of IPLC, Mobile Number Portability services, Infrastructure Provider Category – I (providing dark fibre, right of way, duct space, tower), except Other Service Providers. The entry route for foreign equity up to 49% is automatic and beyond 49% is through Government approval.

FDI in Telecom sector is subject to observance of licensing and security conditions by licensee as well as investors as notified by the Department of Telecommunications from time to time.

6 MEMBERS SPECIFICALLY AFFECTED, IF ANY:

None

7 TEXTS AVAILABLE FROM:

https://dipp.gov.in/sites/default/files/pn6_2013_1.pdf
