

GUIDELINES REGARDING USE OF SATELLITE PHONES IN INDIA

The use of any telegraph services/ devices including wireless is regulated by the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885. As per existing guidelines issued by Department of Telecommunications (DoT), INMARSAT Satphones excluding BGAN system can be used by the Government, Corporate Houses, members of Mountaineering Expedition and other such categories with prior permission from DoT. It may be noted that **Thuraya Satphone service is not permitted in India.**

Anyone using satphone without prior permission of DoT violates the Indian Telegraph Act and can be penalized under that Act. Moreover, satphones being brought in baggage/hand baggage are liable to confiscation/detention in the absence of a license from the DoT.

The No Objection Certificate (NOC) for carrying satphone into India is issued by the DoT on a case by case basis. Details of the procedure can be obtained from DoT website www.dot.gov.in. A national of Israel wishing to carry an INMARSAT terminal into India should apply for NOC to the CS Cell, DoT, Room No.1204, Sanchar Bhawan, 20 Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110 001. A copy of such application may also be sent to Embassy of India (Consular Wing).