OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Acceptance of devices for evaluation and certification under Bio-metric Device Certification Scheme- Reg

The Government of India amended the General Financial Rules 2017 through Insertion of Rule 144 (xi) to enable imposition of restrictions on bidders from countries which share a land border with India on grounds of defence of India, or matters directly or indirectly related thereto including national security.

As per the Order any bidder from such countries sharing a land border with India will be eligible to bid in any procurement whether of goods, services (including consultancy services and non-consultancy services) or works (including turnkey projects) only if the bidder is registered with the Competent Authority. The Competent Authority for registration will be the Registration Committee constituted by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). Political and security clearance from the Ministries of External and Home Affairs respectively will be mandatory.

It is evident that some of Bio-metric Products belongs/originates from our neighbouring country which is sold in India by our local suppliers. As per above mentioned order there is a provision that bidders from neighbouring country has to register with competent authority.

The approval of the competent authority has been obtained and BDTL labs are henceforth is directed to do evaluation and certification for devices originating from land boundary sharing country only after submission of registration certificate of DPIIT by the vendors.

This is issued with the approval of competent authority.

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