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Subject: **Instructions regarding use of Satellite telephones in India**

It is being brought to the attention of all concerned that Satellite telephone services are not permitted in India. In case of satellite telephone being carried to India as cargo or in baggage/hand baggage, a declaration is to be given by the person about details of goods. Tata Communications Ltd. is authorized to provide Inmarsat services in India on a case to case basis. Under the Law, any individual including tourists found to be making unauthorized use of Satellite telephone services (without the valid license issued by the Department of Telecommunication) will be prosecuted and the set found in his/her possession will be confiscated. It may be noted that Satellite telephony in India through **Thuraya sets** is unauthorized.

It is requested that the above information is widely disseminated so that visitors to India are aware of this regulation.