

Yours comments on Set Top Box interoperability

Indian telecom regulator TRAI has issued a consultation paper on Interoperability of STBs.

As you are aware, India is implementing its digitisation in Cable TV and terrestrial television where millions of Set-Top-Boxes are being installed. At present all these Set-Top-Boxes have proprietary CAS and can be used only with one service provider. This has resulted in about 50 million DVB-S STBs becoming inactive and waste. Also there are about 10 million STBs gone waste in Cable TV. This is not a consumer friendly activity and is a drain on the economy apart from piling up e-waste. The regulator has now decided to implement interoperability in the system and wishes to have your views.

We request you to send your comments on the subject direct to the regulator on the e-mails given below, with a copy to **Cable Quest** so that we can compile all the responses and publish their extract in the magazine Cable Quest for the knowledge of the industry as well as the consumers.

Consultation Paper is available on-

http://www.traigov.in/Content/ConDis/20770_13.aspx

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Written comments on the Pre -Consultation Paper on **Set Top Box interoperability** are invited from various organizations, industry bodies, standardization bodies, STB manufacturers, chip vendors, Conditional Access System providers, software providers, stakeholders, experts, individuals etc. by 29th April, 2016.

The comments may be sent , preferably in electronic form to Mr. Sunil Kumar Singhal, Advisor (B&CS), Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, on the e- mail:- sksinghal@traigov.in or gs.kesarwani@traigov.in. For any clarification/ information, Mr. Sunil Kumar Singhal, Advisor (B&CS) may be contacted at Tel. No.: +91-11-- 23221509, Fax: +91- 11- 23220442. Comments will be posted on TRAI's website www.traigov.in.