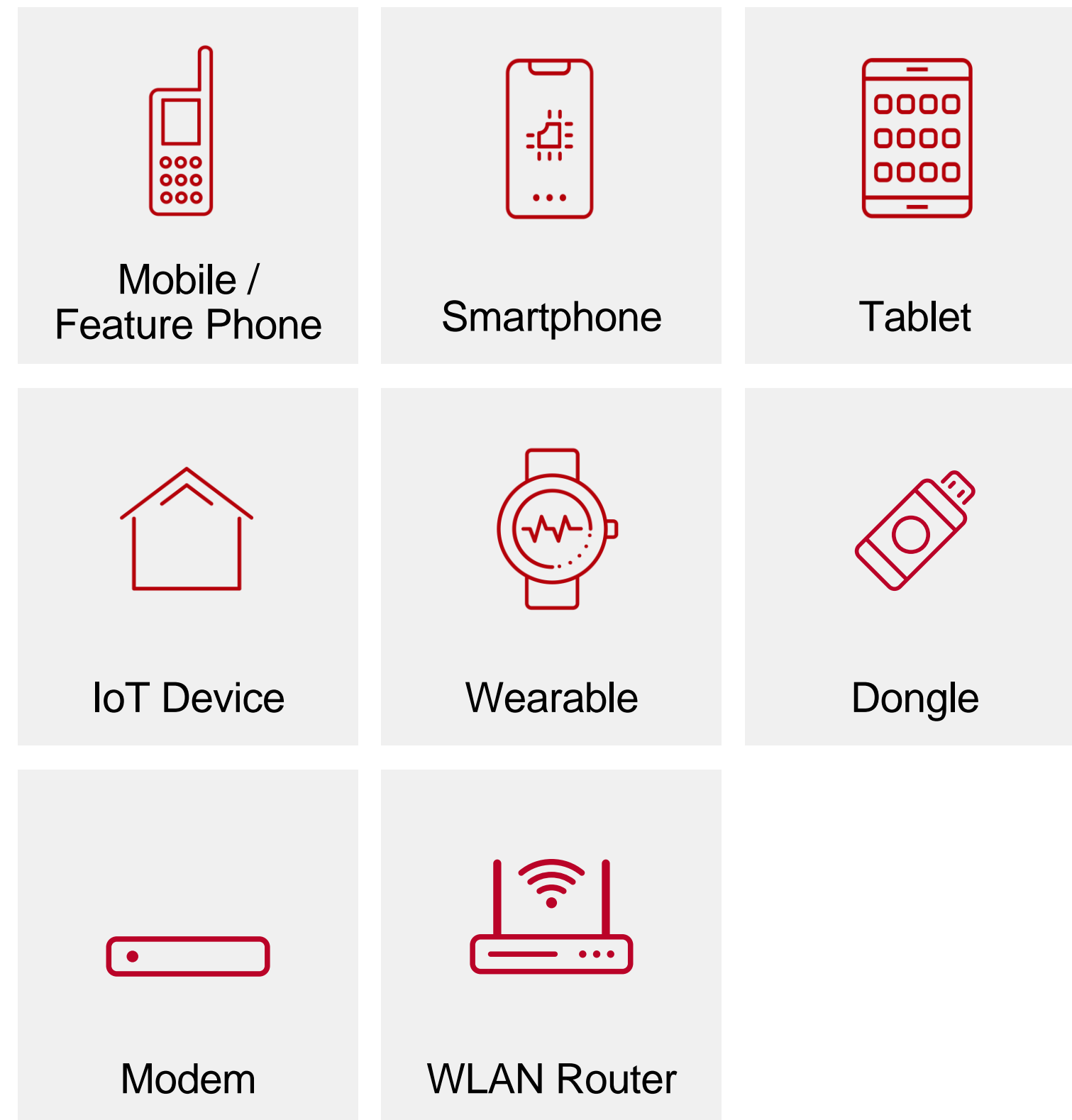


The role of device identification in the fight against counterfeit devices

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TAC Primary Data Source

- Over 200k + Type Allocation Codes
- Over 8 billion devices



Type Allocation Code (TAC)

86	916102	991292	0
Reporting Body Identifier	Type Identifier indicating brand owner and device model allocated by Reporting Body	Unique Number assigned to individual devices by the manufacturer	A function of the other digits [calculated by the manufacturer]

Serial Number

Check Digit

International Mobile Equipment Identifier (IMEI)

The 8-digit **TAC** identifies the brand owner, model and marketing name

The 15-digit **IMEI** identifies the individual device when seen on a network

Device Category	Available device attributes / properties
Device Identification	Manufacturer, consumer recognised marketing name, model name, brand name, year released
Hardware Information	Device type (M2M device, Tablet, Smartphone, Watch, etc.), screen size, chipset, CPU, clock speed, RAM, VoLTE enabled, IoT endpoint, IoT enabler, IoT controller
Operating System	OS name and minimum OS version (e.g. Android 8, iOS 11, etc.)
Network Protocols	2G, 3G, 4G, 5G, LTE Category, VoLTE, VoWiFi
Browser	Name, version, rendering engine, etc.
HTML5	CSS, HTML5 properties
Multimedia	Streaming, Audio, Video codecs, Bluetooth

GSMA Device Information services

GSMA Device Database



10,000+

device models
launched every year



10,000+

device models
in the database



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global source of device
manufacturers



2G-5G
manufacturer
and model
identification



Uplink/downlink
MIMO and QAM
band
performance



Operating
system
identification



150+

curated device
capabilities



20+

IoT device-type
classifications



Mapped over
GSMA TAC Data



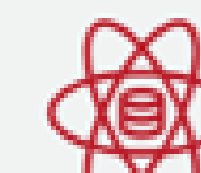
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Consumer IoT
vs M2M device
monitoring



Chipset and browser
HTTP protocol

How Government entities benefit from GSMA data

Stakeholders

- Customs
- Law Enforcement
- Regulators
- Investigators
- National Law Institutes

Typical use cases

- Validate the device information you have or have been provided is correct
- Device is compliant with global standards, legitimate TAC / IMEI
- Device homologation schemes
- Customs assessment
- Identification of core purpose or use case of a mobile device

Service Delivery

- **Secure end point connection**
 - Daily updates
 - Automation of file retrieval
 - Delta reporting
- **General Web Portal Access**
- **Currently scoping API delivery for tighter and more seamless integrations**
- **Please report invalid or non-compliant TAC to GSMA for remediation efforts via GSMA TAC Challenge process**

TAC Challenge