

AAAVMS HAS NOT ENDORSED CHANGES TO 1TV'S OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE

Skopje, 16 October 2019 – Following the writings of some of the media that 1TV has a new owner, the Agency for Audio and Audiovisual Media Services, wishes to inform the public as follows:

In accordance with the Law on Audio and Audiovisual Media Services, any broadcaster, here also including 1TV, must not make any changes to its ownership structure before the same has been approved on the part of the Agency. At the same time, the Central Registry should not insert any changes to the ownership structure without a Decision by the Agency endorsing the planned change.

To date, the Agency has neither been asked to endorse, nor has it endorsed, any change to the ownership structure of 1TV.

Considering the latest developments related to 1TV, in the past period, the Agency has taken a number of actions to determine if this television station meets the terms and obligations laid down in the Law and in its television broadcasting license. Apart from checking the specific minimum spatial and staffing requirements, as well as its compliance with the programme concept specified in the license, the Agency has also been in touch with the Ministry of Interior regarding certain aspects of the functioning of this television station.