

On 5 November 2018, the Macedonian Media Association, MMA Skopje, as a joint association of the five national television stations in the Republic of Macedonia, as follows: KANAL 5 TV, SITEL TV, ALSAT-M TV, TELMA TV and ALFA TV Skopje, and, above all, as an association that protects media's interests, adopted, as part of its operations, the following draft amendments to Article 15 of the Rulebook on the Content and Format of the Registration Form for Inclusion into the Register of Operators that Retransmit Programme Packages, and of the Programme Package/Service Registration Certificate, in relation to Article 141 of the Law on Audio and Audiovisual Media Services:

DRAFT AMENDMENTS to the Rulebook on the Content and Format of the Registration Form for Inclusion into the Register of Operators that Retransmit Programme Packages, and of the Programme Package/Service Registration Certificate

Article 1

Article 15 should be supplemented, i.e. a new point – Point 4 – should be added after Point 3 of this Article, as follows:

4. The contract on retransmitting programming services must contain a provision whereby the foreign broadcasters fully guarantee that they have provided all author's/related/license TV rights for the territory of the Republic of Macedonia, that cover the entire programming service, without any exceptions, i.e. all contents that are and will be broadcasted during the period covered by the contract at issue.

If this is not the case, the Agency for Audio and Audiovisual Media Services shall reject the registration application as ungrounded, and the operators of public electronic communication networks shall have no right to retransmit these programming services i.e. packages.

Article 2

Point 4, Point 5 and Point 6 of Article 15 shall become Point 5, Point 6 and Point 7, respectively.

Article 3

Article 20 of the Rulebook should be amended, as follows:

Once these amendments come into force, all operators of public electronic communication networks shall be obligated to re-register their programming services/packages with the Agency for Audio and Audiovisual Media Services, within the following 15 days.

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