

LISTING OF FOREIGN PROGRAMMES

I. Legal basis

Article 5, paragraph 3 and Article 125k, paragraph 2, sub-paragraph 2 of the Radio and Television Act (RTVA).

II. Administrative arrangements, requirements and documents needed

Section II of the Public Register referred to in Article 125k of the RTVA includes the foreign programmes which may be distributed within the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria by cable or satellite:

- (a) Produced in an EU Member State or in another State Party to the European Economic Area Agreement;
- (b) Produced by foreign entities other than those referred to in sub-section (a).

The entity which produces the programme should notify the Council for Electronic Media (CEM) in writing of the distribution of the programme within the territory of Bulgaria.

The notification will be in narrative form and should include the particulars that have been listed pursuant to Article 125k, paragraph 4 of the RTVA:

1. Name (business name) and registered office of the radio or TV operator;
2. Name and method of distribution of the programme;
3. Type of the programme, i.e. public or commercial;
4. Programme profile;
5. The date on which the distribution of the programme begins ('the Go Live date');
6. Details of the legal entities and individuals which exercise control on the management of the operator;
7. Details of the managing bodies of the media services providers, including details of the members of these bodies;
8. Circumstances related to commercial guarantees/collaterals which have to be listed.

The notification and the supporting documents should be submitted at the Registry Desk of the CEM either in person by the entity's official representative or by another person appropriately authorised by the entity, or through a licensed postal operator, or by electronic means.

Within 14 days of receiving the notification the CEM will examine it and will list the entity and the linear media service in Section II of the Public Register maintained by the CEM. The decision will be published on the CEM website and communicated to the party concerned through a licensed postal operator.

The decision can be appealed at the Administrative Court of Sofia District within 14 days of the announcement that the decision has been issued. The appeal has to be submitted through the Council for Electronic Media.

III. Fees

The procedure for the listing of foreign programmes does not require fees.

IV. Validity period

The listing is valid until it is deleted from the Register.