

Amendments to the Regulation on Broadcasting Services Procedures and Principles



On June 13, 2024, the Turkish Official Gazette published Regulation No. 32575, titled Regulation Amending the Regulation on Broadcasting Services Procedures and Principles (the "Amendment"). This Amendment introduces significant changes to the content rating system and the use of pre-recorded footage in live broadcasts.

Key Amendments:

- Content Rating System Application:** The Amendment specifies that the content rating symbol system applies to all program types except for sports events, religious ceremonies, and commercial communications. This clarification ensures that viewers are adequately informed about the suitability of program content across various genres.
- Use of Pre-Recorded Footage in Live Broadcasts:** The Amendment introduces new requirements for live broadcasts incorporating pre-recorded footage:
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Implications for Broadcasters:

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Non-compliance with these provisions may result in administrative sanctions imposed by the Radio and Television Supreme Council.

Conclusion:

The Amendment to the Regulation on Broadcasting Services Procedures and Principles enhances viewer protection by clarifying the application of content rating symbols and regulating the use of pre-recorded footage in live broadcasts. Broadcasters are advised to promptly adjust their operations to comply with these changes to avoid potential penalties.