

**REGULATION
OF THE NATIONAL BROADCASTING COUNCIL
of 23 June 2005**

concerning the classification of programmes or other broadcasts that might have an adverse impact upon a healthy physical, mental or moral development of minors and programmes or other broadcasts intended for a given age group of minors, use of graphic symbols and forms of announcements.

Under Article 18 paragraph 6 of the Broadcasting Act of 29 December 1992 (official journal "Dz.U." of 2004 No 253, item 2531, and of 2005 No 17, item 141), the following is hereby ordered:

§ 1

This Regulation lays down:

- 1) features of programmes and detailed criteria for their classification, transmission and the manner of announcing programmes or other broadcasts referred to in Article 18 paragraph 5 of the Broadcasting Act of 29 December 1992 (official journal "Dz.U." of 2004 No 253, item 2531, and of 2005 No 17, item 141), hereafter the "Act";
- 2) classification of minors into age groups and detailed criteria for classification and transmission of programmes or other broadcasts referred to in Article 18 paragraph 5b of the Act, with due regard for the hours of transmission of programmes or other broadcasts intended for a given age group;
- 3) specimens of graphic symbols and forms of announcements referred to in Article 18 paragraph 5a and 5b of the Act, and the manner of their presentation.

§ 2

Programmes or other broadcasts classified, in accordance with Appendix No 3 point 1 to this Regulation, as containing scenes or contents that might have an adverse impact upon healthy physical, mental and moral development of minors, may be transmitted solely from 11.00 p.m. to 6.00 a.m.

§ 3

1. Broadcasters of radio programme services shall precede programmes or other broadcasts referred to in § 2 with an oral announcement informing that they have been classified in accordance with Appendix No 1 to the Resolution.
2. Broadcasters of television programme services shall identify programmes or other broadcasts referred to in § 2 with a graphic symbol throughout their duration, in accordance with the specimen specified in Appendix No. 1 to the Resolution.

§ 4

Announcements, deemed to be understood as trailers of programmes or other broadcasts referred to in §2, combined with the presentation of their contents, shall be transmitted solely at hours when transmission of those programmes or other broadcasts is allowed, and:

- 1) in radio programme services – shall be preceded with an oral information that they have been classified in accordance with Appendix No 1 to the Resolution;
- 2) in radio programme services – shall be identified with a graphic symbol throughout the duration of the announcement, in accordance with the specimen specified in Appendix No 1 to the Resolution.

§ 5

1. When classifying programmes or other broadcasts for transmission between 6.00 a.m. and 11.00 p.m., radio broadcasters accompany them with an oral announcement in accordance with the specimen specified in Appendix No 2 to the Resolution, indicating that they are intended for a given age group of minors.
2. When classifying programmes or other broadcasts for transmission between 6.00 a.m. and 11.00 p.m., television broadcasters shall identify them with a graphic symbol in accordance with the specimen specified in Appendix No 2 to the Resolution, indicating that they are intended for a given age group of minors.
3. Broadcasters shall classify programmes or other broadcasts referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 in accordance with the criteria for the classification of programmes or other broadcasts intended for a given age group laid down in Appendix No 3 to the Resolution.
4. The following age groups of minors, including hours for the transmission of programmes or other broadcasts, are hereby established:
 - 1) I category – transmission without any restrictions in terms of age and hours;
 - 2) II category from 7 years of age – transmission without any restrictions in terms of hours;
 - 3) III category from 12 years of age – transmission without any restrictions in terms of hours;
 - 4) IV category from 16 years of age – transmission after 8.00 p.m.

§ 6

Graphic symbols shall be displayed throughout the duration of the entire television transmission, and their height and length shall be smaller than 2 cm placed in the upper left corner of the screen with a 21-inch diagonal.

§ 7

Announcements, deemed to be understood as trailers of programmes or other broadcasts referred to in §5, combined with the presentation of their contents, shall be transmitted solely at hours when transmission of those programmes or other broadcasts is allowed, and:

- 1) in radio programme services – shall be preceded with an oral announcement informing that they have been classified in accordance with Appendix No 2 to the Resolution;
- 2) in radio programme services – shall be identified with a graphic symbol throughout the duration of the announcement, in accordance with the specimen specified in Appendix No 2 to the Resolution.

§ 8

When submitting information on current programme service to mass media, radio and television broadcasters shall attach a graphic symbol indicating the classification of a programme or other broadcast in terms of their designation for a given age group, in accordance with the specimens specified in Appendixes 1 and 2 to the Resolution.

§ 9

This Regulation shall come into force after the lapse of 30 days as from its promulgation¹.

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¹ This Regulation was preceded with the Regulation of the National Broadcasting Council of 20 November 2001 concerning the detailed methods of classifying, transmission and announcing programmes and other broadcasts that might impair the physical, psychological or moral development of minors (official journal “Dz.U.” No 152, item 1744)..