

Regulations legislation and reorganization plan of National Communications Commission for 2020

The legislative plan of the NCC for 2020 includes 5 statutes, 13 regulations, and 3 administrative rules

I. Titles and summary of amendment points for the 5 Statutes:

	Titles	Summary of New Enactment or Amendments
1	Radio and Television Act (Amendment)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Facilitate cross-platform development and harmonize regulatory measures. 2. Increase operation flexibility and the efforts of channels for digital transformation. 3. Relax structural control and introduce regulations for competition.
2	Cable Radio and Television Act (Amendment)	Same as above.
3	Satellite Broadcasting Act (Amendment)	Same as above.
4	Digital Communications Act (New) (Draft)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish a model of “internet governance” through communication and coordination among various kinds of stakeholders. 2. Clearly prescribe responsibilities of digital communications and broadcasting service providers. 3. Protect the interests of the consumers of communications and broadcasting services. 4. Promote equal access to communications and broadcasting services.
5	Over-the-Top Media Service Act (New) (Draft)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promote the sound development of internet audio and video services thereby providing enterprises with potential strategies to adjust to trends of digital convergence. 2. Ensure diversity of audio and video content and protect the interests of audiences.

II. Titles and summary of amendment points for the 13 Regulations:

	Titles	Summary of New Enactment, Amendments or Abolition
1.	Regulations Governing Telecommunications	1. Clearly prescribe regulations relevant to constructors and equipment and the space

	Equipment and Appliance of Space in Buildings (Amendments)	provided by owners when cable radio and TV system operators install their system into buildings. 2. Moderately integrate wiring and space used by fiber optic cables and coaxial cables. 3. Modify inappropriate regulations.
2.	Technical Specifications of Telecommunications Equipment for Buildings (Amendments)	Same as above.
3.	Administrative Regulations on the Establishment of Radio and TV Broadcast Stations (Amendment)	In order to enhance information security management and safety control of broadcasting TV system operators for the purpose of protecting security of broadcasting TV network, additional regulations relevant to information security and risk control similar to Information Security Chapter of Regulations for Administration on Fixed Network Telecommunications Businesses shall be added.
4.	Rules for the Technical Engineering of Cable Radio and Television Systems (Amendment)	In order to enhance information security management and safety control of broadcasting TV system operators for the purpose of protecting security of broadcasting TV network, additional regulations relevant to information security and risk control similar to Information Security Chapter of Regulations for Administration on Fixed Network Telecommunications Businesses shall be added.
5.	Administrative Rules on the Establishment of Earth Stations by Satellite Broadcasters (Amendment)	In order to enhance information security management and safety control of broadcasting TV system operators for the purpose of protecting security of broadcasting TV network, additional regulations relevant to information security and risk control similar to Information Security Chapter of Regulations for Administration on Fixed Network Telecommunications Businesses shall be added.
6.	(1) Regulations for Administration on Satellite Communication Services (Amendment) (2) Regulations for Administration of Installation of Microwave Radio Stations of Type I Telecommunications Businesses (Amendment) (3) Regulations for Administration on Type II	With view to protecting security of domestic fundamental infrastructure facilities, national security considerations for the approval of applications to establish telecommunication equipment shall be added.

	<p>Telecommunications Businesses (Amendment)</p> <p>(4) Administrative Regulations on the Establishment of Radio and TV Broadcast Stations (Amendment)</p> <p>(5) Administrative Regulations on the Establishment and Use of Wireless Broadcasting Stations for Training of Schools (Amendment)</p> <p>(6) Administrative Rules on Radio and Television Broadcasters' establishment of Earth Stations (Amendment)</p> <p>(7) Administrative Rules on the Establishment of Earth Stations by Satellite Broadcasters (Amendment)</p> <p>(8) Regulations Governing Application for Establishment of Cable Radio and TV Businesses (Amendment)</p> <p>(9) Rules for the Technical Engineering of Cable Radio and Television Systems (Amendment)</p> <p>(10) Administrative Rules on Radio and Television Broadcasters' Establishment of Microwave Stations (Amendment)</p>	
7.	<p>Regulations Governing the Telecommunications Equipment Examination and Inspection of Buildings (Amendments)</p>	<p>1. Moderately relax qualification restrictions on persons in charge of conducting reviews, thereby encouraging applications to serve as inspection institutions and capability of inspection service; consequently, meeting heavier demand after the addition of the requirement of telecommunications equipment to be installed in buildings.</p> <p>2. Amend inappropriate regulations.</p>

8.	Technical Regulations for Mobile Phone Systems (Abolition)	In order to manage the abolition of Regulations Governing Expiration of 2G Business Service and Management of Relevant Matters, procedures for abolishment shall be implemented.
9.	Fee-charging Standards on Telecommunications Equipment and Appliance of Space in Buildings (Amendment)	In order to manage the announcement of amendments on Regulations Governing Telecommunications Equipment and Appliance of Space in Buildings, and Technical Specifications for Installation of the Telecommunications Facilities Inside/Outside the Buildings, regulations on the introduction of systems into buildings by cable radio and TV system enterprises so as to provide radio and TV services shall be clearly prescribed. Consequently, relevant fee standards shall be amended.
10.	Technical Specifications for New Radio Broadband Terminal Equipment of Mobile Broadband Businesses (Enactment)	<p>In order to manage the announcement of amendments to Regulations Governing Operating Items and Scope, the Timetable for Deregulation and the Number of Operators to be Allowed for Type I Telecommunication Enterprises was announced by the Executive Yuan on July 2, 2019. Consequently, 3500MHz, 28000MHz, and 1800MHz frequency bands can be admitted for mobile broadband business.</p> <p>For the Third Generation Partnership Project (3GPP), new radio technical specifications were enacted, and modulation techniques with higher compression capability and more frequency groups adopted. Under such standards, testing items and qualification criteria were different with those of the 4G mobile broadband techniques, and have been utilized in developed countries. Thus, these Technical Specifications shall be enacted to be in compliance approval of New Radio Broadband Terminal Equipment of Mobile Broadband Business by reference to technical specifications such as 3GPP TS 38.101-1 、3GPP TS 38.101-2 、3GPP TS 38.521-1 、3GPP TS 38.521-2, and domestic relevant national standards.</p>
11.	Technical Specifications for New Radio Base Station Radio Frequency Equipment of Mobile Broadband Businesses (Enactment)	In order to manage the announcement of amendments to Regulations Governing Operating Items and Scope, the Timetable for Deregulation and the Number of Operators to be Allowed for Type I Telecommunication Enterprises was announced by the Executive Yuan on July 2, 2019. Consequently,

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12.	Technical Regulations for Compliance Approval of the Third Generation Mobile Telecommunications System (Abolition)	In order to manage the expiration of 3G business services on December 31, 2018, abolishment procedures shall be implemented accordingly.
13.	Regulations for Administration of the Third Generation Mobile Communications Businesses (Abolition)	<p>1. According to Article 48 of Regulations for Administration of the Third Generation Mobile Communications Business, the valid duration of the concession license expires on December 31, 2018, thereafter, the license loses its validity.</p> <p>2. Considering that all matters required under the aforementioned Regulations have been completed, it is proposed that they be abolished in accordance with Paragraph 2, Article 21 of Central Regulation Standard Act.</p>

III. Titles and summary of amendment points for the 3 administrative rules:

	Titles	Summary of New Enactment or Amendments
1.	Schedule 6 of Standard Programs Prescribed for Cable	Propose amendments to help each cable television system operators prepare annual channel licensing

	Radio and Television System Operators (Amendments)	information in a uniform format to facilitate fees review conducted by local governments.
2.	Directions for Subsidizing Digital Equity Infrastructure Plans (Enactment)	<p>Directives for Subsidizing Digital Equity Infrastructure Plans have been enacted, containing 18 paragraphs, the key points of which have been outlined as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In order to manage Plans on Supporting Digital Equity implemented by Ministry of Education, National Communications Commission has drafted Directives for Subsidizing Digital Equity Infrastructure Plans. 2. These Directives include who may apply for subsidies, conditions, scope, application procedures, required documents, approval process and monitoring and assessment. These Directives serve as fundamental guideline for subsidy application and relevant enforcement.
3.	Guidelines for Managing Violations of Fact Verification Principles by Broadcast News Harming Public Interests (Enactment)	<p>With view to establishing guidelines that can be adhered to by monitoring agencies, Guidelines for Handling Violation of the Principle of Fact Verification by the Produced and Broadcast News Causing Damages on Public Interest shall be enacted in accordance with to Subparagraph 4, Paragraph 3, Article 27 of Satellite Broadcasting Act. In addition, these guidelines include reference criteria for judgement on whether principle of fact verification have been violated, as well as the methods to handle such violations. The reporting of matters relevant to public affairs, determination and consideration of justification, principles on verification of damage on public interest, and seriousness of damages arising from violation against principle of fact verification by produced and broadcast news shall also be included so as to be complied with by both domestic and foreign satellite channels program providers.</p>