



## Broadcasting Information Bulletin CRTC 2013-515

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### **New procedures related to the evaluation of television program logs**

*In the past the Commission provided television licensees with an evaluation of program logs only at licence renewal time. Licensees will now be provided with an evaluation of program logs every year to allow them to verify that they are in compliance with the Commission's requirements and allow the Commission to ensure licensees' compliance on an ongoing basis.*

#### **Regulations**

1. Section 10(3) of the *Television Broadcasting Regulations, 1987*, section 7(2) of the *Speciality Service Regulations, 1990* and section 4(2) of the *Pay Television Regulations, 1990* state that, except as otherwise provided under a condition of its licence, a licensee shall furnish to the Commission, within 30 days following the end of each month, the program log or machine-readable record of its programming for the month.

#### **Annual evaluation**

2. The Commission receives over 350 monthly logs from television services across Canada. In the past, the Commission provided television licensees with an evaluation of program logs only at licence renewal time. Going forward, the Commission will provide an annual assessment of each licensee's compliance with its regulatory requirements. This evaluation will be sent to the licensee during the broadcast year following that being evaluated. This will allow the licensee to verify that it is in compliance with its requirements for the year being evaluated and allow the Commission to ensure the licensee's compliance on an ongoing basis.
3. The Commission reminds licensees that, according to these regulations, the logs shall at all times be kept in an acceptable form, which means that they must be accurate, complete and corrected immediately when errors arise.
4. It is important that licensees ensure that their program logs are in compliance throughout the year since the Commission will not re-evaluate a licensee's compliance for the year in question.
5. The Commission may request audio visual recordings (logger tapes) of programming from time to time to verify the accuracy and completeness of program logs.

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