



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2018-193

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Ethnic Channels Group Limited
Across Canada

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Zing (formerly Hindi Music TV) – Revocation of licence

1. Ethnic Channels Group Limited (ECGL) has requested the revocation of its broadcasting licence for the national, niche third-language ethnic specialty Category B service Zing (formerly Hindi Music TV), originally granted in Broadcasting Decision 2013-147, in order to continue its operation as an exempt undertaking, pursuant to Broadcasting Order 2015-88.
2. Given the licensee's request and pursuant to sections 9(1)(e) and 24(1) of the *Broadcasting Act*, the Commission **revokes** the broadcasting licence issued to Ethnic Channels Group Limited for the above-mentioned undertaking.

Non-compliance by the previously licensed service

3. ECGL was required by condition of licence to close caption any English-language programming broadcast on the previously licensed service.¹ Based on its analysis of the program logs filed by the licensee, the Commission finds that ECGL did not close caption any of that programming, and was therefore in non-compliance with the related condition of licence. Under the criteria set out in the appendix to Broadcasting Order 2015-88, all of the English- and French-language programs broadcast over the broadcast day on the newly exempt service must be close captioned. Accordingly, the Commission **directs** ECGL to provide, by no later than **30 November 2018**, proof (i.e., an attestation or affidavit signed by a senior manager) that all programming broadcast in English and/or French on the exempt service is closed captioned. The document must be submitted electronically by using the secured service "[My CRTC Account](#)" ([Partner Log In or GCKey](#)) and completing the "Broadcasting Cover Page" located on this web page.
4. In addition, ECGL filed an incomplete annual return for Zing for the 2016-2017 broadcast year, as it did not include the financial statements required by Circular No. 404. Consequently, it was in non-compliance with section 8(1) of the *Specialty Services Regulations, 1990* relating to the filing of annual returns. The Commission **directs** ECGL to file, by no later than **16 July 2018**, through the Commission's [Data Collection System \(DCS\)](#), a complete annual return for the 2016-2017 broadcast year, including the financial statements for that broadcast year.

¹ This condition of licence is set out in Appendix 1 to Broadcasting Regulatory Policy 2010-786-1.

Reminder

5. The Commission reminds ECGL that as an operator of an exempt service, it must at all times comply with the criteria contained in Broadcasting Order 2015-88, including those relating to closed captioning and to the submission of simplified annual returns by no later than 30 November of each year. Should ECGL be found in non-compliance for the exempt service with any of the criteria contained in Broadcasting Order 2015-88, the Commission will consider all of its regulatory options to address the non-compliance.

Secretary General

Related documents

- *Exemption order respecting discretionary television programming undertakings serving fewer than 200,000 subscribers*, Broadcasting Order CRTC 2015-88, 12 March 2015
- *Hindi Music TV – Specialty Category B service*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2013-147, 22 March 2013
- *Standard conditions of licence, expectations and encouragements for Category B pay and specialty services – Corrected Appendices 1 and 2*, Broadcasting Regulatory Policy CRTC 2010-786-1, 18 July 2011
- *Requirements for the Filing of Financial Statements with the Broadcasting Annual Return*, Circular No. 404, 23 August 1994