

No. 8/7/2020-BP&L
Government of India
Ministry of Information & Broadcasting

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated, the 30th December, 2020

ORDER

Subject: Guidelines for obtaining License for Providing Direct-To-Home (DTH) Broadcasting Services in India – regarding.


The Government of India had notified the Guidelines for obtaining License for providing Direct-To-Home (DTH) Broadcasting Services in India vide order No.8/1/99-PBC.(Vol.II) dated 15.03.2001 and certain amendments therein have been notified vide Order No.8/3/2004-BP&L dated.01.06.2005, Order No.8/3/2004-BP&L dated 11.05.2006, Order No.8/12/2006-BP&L dated 31.07.2006, Order No.8/12/2006-BP&L dated 29.05.2007, Order No.8/12/2006-BP&L dated 10.09.2007 and Order No.8/12/2006-BP&L dated 06.11.2007.

2. The Government of India has decided to further amend the DTH Guidelines which shall come into effect immediately. Accordingly, the amendments to the guidelines are notified herewith. The consolidated operational guidelines along with the amendments will be issued in due course. These shall be applicable to all licenses issued hereinafter.

3. The existing licensees are required to apply afresh to get License for providing DTH Services in India.

4. The issue of fresh license to the existing Licensees will be subject to their clearing all dues and fulfilling all obligations under the terms and conditions of existing license as well as those arising out of legal cases pending before various Courts of Law.

Encl: As above.


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17. All DTH Operators.

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MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING
AMENDMENTS TO GUIDELINES FOR OBTAINING LICENSE FOR PROVIDING DIRECT
TO HOME SERVICES IN INDIA

(Enclosed with Order No.8/7/2020-BP&L dated 30.12.2020)

1. Eligibility Criteria:

- 1.1 Applicant Company shall be an Indian Company, registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 or 2013.
- 1.2 The FDI policy of Government of India shall be followed as notified from time to time.

2. Period of License:

License will be valid for a period of 20 years from the date of issue of wireless operational license by Wireless Planning and Coordination Wing of Ministry of Communications. License may be renewed by 10 years at a time. However, the license can be cancelled/suspended by the Licensor at any time in the interest of Union of India.

3. Vertically Integrated Entity: Reserving of Operational Channel Capacity:

A vertically integrated entity will not reserve more than 15% of the operational channel capacity for its vertically integrated operator. The rest of the capacity is to be offered to the other broadcasters on a non-discriminatory basis.

4. Entry Fee :

No entry fee will be charged from the DTH Operators holding license on the date of notification of these guidelines.