31. Sector:	Communications Services
Sub-Sector:	Telecommunications Services; Audiovisual Services
Industry Classification:	CPC 7524 Programme transmission services
	CPC 75300 Radio and television cable services
	CPC 9613 Radio and television services (limited to the licensing procedure and financing)
Type of Reservation:	Most-favoured-nation treatment (Article 45)
	Market access (Article 46)
	National treatment (Article 47)
Level of Government:	Federal
Measures:	Federal Law on radio and television (SR 784.40), Articles 38, 43, 44, 53 and 59
	As qualified by the Description element
Description:	The Law establishes two types of licences:
	1. licences with a performance mandate and giving right to a share in revenue from reception fees (Article 38);
	2. licences with a performance mandate without giving right to a share in revenue from reception fees (Article 43).
	Licences of type 1 shall be granted to local and regional broadcasters in defined coverage areas. Licensees must be natural persons domiciled in Switzerland or juridical persons having their headquarters in Switzerland. Only one licence is granted per coverage area (Article 38 and 44).
	Licences of type 2 shall be granted only to a natural person domiciled in Switzerland or to a juridical person having its headquarters in Switzerland (Article 44).
	A licence may not be granted to a juridical person under foreign control, to a Swiss juridical person with foreign capital participation or to a natural person who does not have Swiss nationality if reciprocity is not granted (Article 44).
	The maximum number of licences (types 1 and 2 together) per broadcasting company is two for television and two for radio (Article 44).
	Programmes of the Swiss Broadcasting Corporation (Schweizerische Radio- und Fernsehgesellschaft; Société suisse de radiodiffusion et télévision; Società svizzera di radiotelevisione (SRG/SSR idée suisse)) and of other companies that have been granted a licence benefit from guaranteed and privileged access to wireless terrestrial broadcasting or broadcasting by wire (Articles 53 and 59).
	Qualification: Switzerland reserves the right to maintain, modify or adopt any measures restricting market access and/or national treatment with respect to broadcasting services.