11 Sector: Communications

Sub-Sector: Broadcasting

Industry Classification:

Obligations Concerned: National Treatment (Article 2)

Prohibition of Performance Requirements (Article 6)

Senior Management and Board of Directors (Article 7)

Measures: Broadcasting Authority Law, 1965, Articles 44C-44F

Communication Law (Telecommunications and Broadcasting), 1982, Articles 4-4H and 6-7

Communications Regulations (Terms and Conditions for Satellite Broadcasting License), 1998, Articles 13, 20 and 21

Second Authority for Television and Radio Law, 1990, Articles 41 and 59

Public Broadcasting Law, 2014, Article 64

Description: 1. In an enterprise that holds a license for cable broadcasting at least 26 percent of the means of control in the enterprise shall be held by nationals of Israel who are residents of Israel. The license shall not be granted to an enterprise in which a foreign government holds shares, but the Minister of Communications may authorize an indirect holding in the licensee of up to 10 percent by such an enterprise.

2. In an enterprise that holds a license for satellite broadcasting:

(a) at least 26 percent of the means of control in the enterprise shall be held by nationals of Israel who are residents of Israel;

(b) its main operations and center of business are located in Israel;

(c) a majority of its members of the board of directors and any persons in equivalent positions shall be nationals of Israel who are residents of Israel; and

(d) its director general or any persons in equivalent management position shall be a national of Israel who is a resident of Israel.

3. At least 51 percent of the means of control in a holder of a concession for operating commercial television broadcasting or regional radio broadcasting must be held by nationals of Israel who are residents of Israel.

4. In television broadcasting, including satellite and cable broadcasting, each broadcasting enterprise operating under license or concession is committed to spend a certain amount of its annual budget for local production, as defined in the legislation listed in the "Measures" element and to broadcast it.