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INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF SOUTH AFRICA  
NOTICE 252 OF 2020



**AMENDMENT OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY  
("ICT") COVID-19 NATIONAL DISASTER REGULATIONS**

The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa ("the Authority"), hereby amends the ICT COVID-19 National Disaster Regulations published in Notice No. 238, Government Gazette No. 43207 dated 6 April 2020 in terms of section 4(7)(b) of the Electronic Communications Act, 2005 (Act No. 36 of 2005), to the extent reflected in the Schedule.

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## SCHEDULE

### 1. DEFINITIONS

In these regulations "the Regulations" means the regulations published by Government Notice No.238 (Government Gazette No.43207) of 6 April 2020.

### 2. AMENDMENT OF REGULATION 4 OF THE REGULATIONS

(a) The following regulations are hereby inserted in the Regulations, after sub regulation (8):

"(8A) Television broadcasting service Licensees are exempted from compliance with the local television content quotas and specific advertising and programming requirements in terms of licence conditions during the National State of Disaster.

(8B) Sound broadcasting service Licensees are exempted from compliance with specific programming requirements and promises of performance in terms of licence conditions during the National State of Disaster.

(8C) Sound broadcasting service Licensees shall comply with the local content music quotas.

(8D) The exemptions indicated in sub regulations (8A) and (8B) shall automatically cease upon expiry of three (3) months of termination of the National State of Disaster."

(b) The following regulations are hereby inserted in the Regulations, after sub regulation (15):

"(15A) For the duration of the alert levels, published in terms of the Regulations issued in terms of section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002, the Authority shall only consider Special Event applications intended for COVID-19 related programming.

(15B) A Special Event Community Broadcasting Service and Radio Frequency Spectrum licence, issued for the purpose of providing COVID-19 related programming, shall terminate one (1) month after the termination of the National State of Disaster.”

### **3. SHORT TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT**

These Regulations are called “The ICT COVID–19 National Disaster Amendment Regulations” and will come into force on the date of publication in the Government Gazette.