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AMENDMENT OF THE BROADCASTING CODE FOR BROADCASTING LICENSEES ISSUED IN TERMS OF SECTION 89 OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT, 2009

The Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia in terms of regulation 12(1) of the Regulations Regarding Rule-Making Procedures published in the Government Gazette No. 4630, General Notice No. 334 of 17 December 2010 amends the **Broadcasting Code for Broadcasting Licensees** published in the Government Gazette No. 6750, General Notice No. 602 dated 31 October 2018 as set out in the Schedule.

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COMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF NAMIBIA

SCHEDULE 1

- 1. Substitution of rule 27(2)(d) of the Code**

Rule 27(2)(d) of the Code is hereby amended by the deletion and substitution in that paragraph of the following paragraph:

“subscription television broadcasting licensees: Four point Five Percent (4.5%) of their annual channel and content acquisition cost as incurred their most recent completed financial year must be expended on the acquisition or development of local content which expenditure may include expenditure in the Republic of Namibia on local content training, skills development and business development;”

SCHEDULE 2

PRECISE STATEMENT AND PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE BROADCASTING CODE FOR BROADCASTING LICENSEES ISSUED IN TERMS OF SECTION 89 OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT, 2009

The purpose of the amendment is to change the local content requirements for subscription television from six percent (6%) to four point five percent (4.5%) following the decision by the Authority on the application for reconsideration by Multichoice Namibia (Pty) Ltd. The reasons for the Authority’s decision is as follows:

- a) The prescribed quota of 6% initially prescribed is high and imposes a substantial financial burden on the licensees;
- b) Having looked at the financial implication of the quota and the duty to promote and encourage the creation of local content in Namibia, the Authority is of the position that 4.5% quota is a reasonable percentage.

The full decision of the Authority is published in the Government Gazette No. 6915, General Notice No. 133 dated 24 May 2019.
