

**Notification of the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission
on the Criteria for the Important Events which can be Broadcasted only on Free Television
B.E. 2555 (2012)**

Whereas the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission has been entrusted to regulate television business undertaking in order to provide the public with quality services in a fairly manner, and for the benefits of promoting and protecting the rights of the underprivileged to have equal access to, or acknowledge, and use of, those television programs, it is thus expedient to prescribe the criteria for the Important Events which can be Broadcasted only on Free Television;

By virtue of Section 27 paragraph one (6) and (24) of the Act on Organization to Assign Radio Frequency and to Regulate the Broadcasting and Telecommunications Services B.E. 2553 (2010) being an Act which contains certain provisions in relation to the restriction of rights and liberties of persons, in respect of which Section 29, in conjunction with Section 35, Section 36, Section 41, Section 43, Section 45, Section 46, Section 47, Section 61 and Section 64 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand so permit by virtue of law, and Section 36 of the Broadcasting Business Act, B.E. 2551 (2008) being an Act which contains certain provisions in relation to the restriction of rights and liberties of persons, in respect of which Section 29 in conjunction with Section 32, Section 33, Section 35, Section 36, Section 41, Section 43, Section 45, Section 46 and Section 47 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand so permit by virtue of law, the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission hereby prescribes the Notification as follows:

Clause 1 This Notification shall come into force as from the day following the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

Clause 2 In this Notification:

“Free television service” means free television service in accordance with the Notification of the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission on the Criteria for Free Television Broadcasting;

“Underprivileged” means a person encountering hardship and suffering under the circumstances related to social and economic conditions, education, public health, politics, laws, culture, natural disaster and war, including a person lacking opportunities to have access to the basic public services or a person facing problems without having responsible agency to take care of, therefore, being unable to make a good living when compared with other members of one's community;

“Commission” means the Broadcasting Commission.

Unofficial Translation

Clause 3 For the benefits of promoting and protecting the rights of all citizens including the underprivileged to have access to or acknowledge, and use of, certain television programs which are useful for the public fairly, equally and universally, a live television events as set out in the annex of this Notification shall be broadcasted only on free television.

Clause 4 Any other undertakings apart from those set forth under Clause 3 shall obtain prior permit from the Commission.

Transitory Provisions

Clause 5 The provision of services of all licensees under the transitory provisions of the Broadcasting Business Act B.E. 2551 (2008) who use radio frequency to operate lawful television business on the date this Notification comes into force shall be deemed as the free television services until the Commission shall otherwise issue further ordinance or notification.

Announced on the 11th day of December B.E. 2555 (2012)

Colonel Natee Sukonrat

Chairman of the Broadcasting Commission

For Chairman of the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission

Annex

Television Events under Clause 3

No.	Television Events
1	South-East Asian Games (SEA Games)
2	ASEAN Para Games
3	Asian Games
4	Asian Para Games
5	Olympic Games
6	Paralympic Games
7	FIFA World Cup Final

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