



Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2013-298

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Call for comments on amendments to the *Radio Regulations, 1986* relating to Canadian content development

The Commission calls for comments on proposed amendments to section 15(2) of the Radio Regulations, 1986 to implement changes to the administration of the Canadian content development policy. The Commission also calls for comments on the proposed definition for the Community Radio Fund of Canada.

*The deadline for submission of comments is **11 July 2013**.*

Introduction

1. The Commission proposes to amend the *Radio Regulations, 1986* (the Regulations) to implement determinations made in *Changes to the administration of the Canadian content development policy for commercial and ethnic radio*, Broadcasting Regulatory Policy CRTC 2013-297 (Broadcasting Regulatory Policy 2013-297), also published today. These determinations relate to amendments to the administration of the policy on Canadian content development (CCD) for certain licensees authorized to operate commercial or ethnic stations.
2. As set out in Broadcasting Regulatory Policy 2013-297, the Commission proposes to delete the requirement to make basic CCD contributions for commercial or ethnic stations whose revenues are no higher than \$1,250,000. This change would not become effective and all current CCD obligations would remain in place until the amended Regulations become effective at the end of the current process.
3. The Commission also proposes to amend the Regulations to add a definition for the Community Radio Fund of Canada.

Call for comments

4. The proposed *Regulations amending the Radio Regulations, 1986* are appended to this notice. The Commission seeks comments on the wording of the proposed amendments. The Commission will take into considerations interventions filed by **11 July 2013**.

Procedure

5. The *Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure*, SOR/2010-277 (the Rules of Procedure), set out, among other things, the rules for content, format, filing and service of interventions. Accordingly, the procedure set out below must be read in conjunction with the Rules of Procedure and its accompanying documents, which can be found on the Commission's website under "CRTC Rules of Practice and Procedure."
6. The proposed amendments are appended to this notice. The Commission invites comments on the wording of the proposed amendments. The Commission will accept interventions that it receives on or before **11 July 2013**.
7. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, a document must be filed with, not merely sent to, the Commission by 5 p.m. Vancouver time (8 p.m. Ottawa time) on the date it is due. The Commission takes no responsibility for postal delays and will not notify a party whose submission is received after the deadline date. Late submissions will not be considered by the Commission and will not be made part of the public file.
8. The Commission will not formally acknowledge interventions. It will however fully consider all interventions, and they will form part of the public record of the proceeding, provided that the procedures for filing set out in the Rules of Procedure and this notice have been followed.
9. Submissions must be filed by sending them to the Secretary General of the Commission by **only one** of the following means:
 - by using the**
[Intervention/comment/answer form]
 - or
 - by mail to**
CRTC, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N2
 - or
 - by fax at**
819-994-0218
10. Submissions longer than five pages should include a summary.
11. Each paragraph of the submission should be numbered. In addition, where the comment is filed by electronic means, the line *****End of document***** should be entered following the last paragraph of the document, as an indication that the document has not been altered during electronic transmission.

Important notice

12. All information that parties provide as part of this public process, except information designated confidential, whether sent by postal mail, facsimile, e-mail or through the Commission's website at www.crtc.gc.ca, becomes part of a publicly accessible file and will be posted on the Commission's website. This information includes personal information, such as full names, e-mail addresses, postal/street addresses, telephone and facsimile numbers, and any other personal information parties provide.
13. The personal information that parties provide will be used and may be disclosed for the purpose for which the information was obtained or compiled by the Commission, or for a use consistent with that purpose.
14. Documents received electronically or otherwise will be put on the Commission's website in their entirety exactly as received, including any personal information contained therein, in the official language and format in which they are received. Documents not received electronically will be available in PDF format.
15. The information that parties provide to the Commission as part of this public process is entered into an unsearchable database dedicated to this specific public process. This database is accessible only from the web page of this particular public process. As a result, a general search of the Commission's website with the help of either its own search engine or a third-party search engine will not provide access to the information that was provided as part of this public process.
16. The Commission encourages parties and interested persons to monitor the record of the proceeding, available on the Commission's website, for additional information that they may find useful when preparing their submissions.

Examination of documents

17. A list of all interventions and answers will also be available on the Commission's website. The list is accessible by selecting "View all proceedings open for comment" from the "Public Proceedings" section of the Commission's website and clicking on the "Interventions/Answers" link associated with this notice.
18. The public may examine public interventions and related documents at the following Commission offices during normal business hours.

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Secretary General

**Appendix to Broadcasting Notice of Consultation
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REGULATIONS AMENDING THE RADIO REGULATIONS, 1986

AMENDMENTS

1. (1) Subsection 15(1) of the *Radio Regulations, 1986*¹ is amended by adding the following in alphabetical order:

“Community Radio Fund of Canada” means the not-for-profit organization known as the Community Radio Fund of Canada Inc. (*Fonds canadien de la radio communautaire*)

(2) Subsection 15(2) of the Regulations is replaced by the following:

(2) Except as otherwise provided under a condition of its licence that refers expressly to this subsection and subject to subsection (3), an A.M. licensee, F.M. licensee or digital radio licensee that is licensed to operate a commercial or ethnic station shall, if the licensee’s total revenues are more than \$1,250,000, contribute annually to eligible initiatives \$1,000 plus one half of one percent of those revenues that are in excess of \$1,250,000.

(3) Subsection 15(4) of the Regulations is repealed.

COMING INTO FORCE

2. These Regulations come into force on September 1, 2013.

¹ DORS/86-982