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THE SWAZILAND TELEVISION AUTHORITY ACT, 1983

(Act No. 1 of 1983)

**THE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT (SWAZILAND TELEVISION AUTHORITY
ACT) NOTICE, 1983**

(Under section 1)

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 1 of the Swaziland Television Authority Act, 1983, the Deputy Prime Minister hereby issues the following Notice:—

Citation

1. This Notice may be cited as the Date of Commencement (Swaziland Television Authority Act) Notice, 1983.

Date of commencement of Act No. 1 of 1983.

2. The Swaziland Television Authority Act, 1983 shall come into operation on the 1st April, 1983.

A.R. SHABANGU
Permanent Secretary

MBABANE.
1st March, 1983.

THE SWAZILAND TELEVISION AUTHORITY ACT, 1983

(Act No. 1 of 1983)

THE TELEVISION VIEWERS (CERTIFICATES AND LICENCES) REGULATIONS,
1983

(Under section 26)

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 26 of the Swaziland Television Authority Act, 1983 the Deputy Prime Minister, after consultation with the Board of Directors, hereby makes the following Regulations—

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Television Viewers (Certificates and Licences) Regulations, 1983 and shall come into force on 1st April, 1983.

Owned television receivers

2. (1) A person who owns a television receiver shall pay a deposit of E25.00 in respect of a colour television receiver and E10.00 in respect of a monochrome television receiver to an agent empowered thereto by the Swaziland Television Authority.

(2) An owner referred to under paragraph (1) shall in addition to the payment prescribed thereunder, pay, in advance, a monthly fee of E25.00 and E10.00 for a television viewers certificate for colour and monochrome television receivers respectively on or before the 1st of each month.

(3) The deposit referred to under paragraph (1) shall be refunded to the owner of a television receiver in such manner as the Authority may determine, where it is shown to the satisfaction of the Authority that—

- (a) ownership of such television receiver has been transferred to another person;
- (b) the television receiver has been exported out of the country; or
- (c) the television receiver has been stolen, destroyed or has otherwise become permanently unserviceable.

Importation, exportation and transfer of ownership of television receivers.

3. (1) A person who imports into Swaziland a television receiver, shall be issued with an entry certificate in such form as the Authority may prescribe in respect of such television receiver by a customs officer at the point of entry a copy of which shall be transmitted by the customs officer to the Authority within 14 days.

(2) A person who exports a television receiver out of Swaziland shall be issued with a clearance certificate in such form as the Authority may prescribe in respect of such television receiver by a customs officer at the point of departure a copy of which shall be transmitted by the customs officer to the Authority within 14 days.

(3) A person who owns a television receiver and sells it to another person or otherwise transfers ownership in respect thereof, shall cause such transfer in ownership to be brought to the attention of the Authority which shall refund him the deposit paid thereon in terms of regulation 2.

Rented television receivers

4. The fees to be paid for rented television receivers in respect of television viewers certificates shall be as set out in the Scheduled hereto.

Video cassette recorders

5. (1) A person who owns a video cassette recorder, shall pay E50.00 for a licence which shall be annually renewable.

(2) The period of a valid current video cassette recorder licence shall be reckoned from the 1st of July in one year to the 30th June in the following year.

Inspection of television viewers certificates and video cassette recorder licences.

6. An inspector of television viewers certificates and video cassette recorder licences duly authorised thereto by the Swaziland Television Authority, shall at such time and place as may be reasonable, be shown on demand a current television viewers certificate by a person who owns or rents a television receiver or a current television licence by a person who owns a video cassette recorder.

Payment of arrears by television receiver owner.

7. A person who owns a television receiver and refuses, fails or neglects to comply with the provisions of regulations 2 (1) and (2), shall pay to a collecting agent authorised thereto by the Swaziland Television Authority, an amount, in addition to the arrears, equal to 50 per cent of such arrears calculated—

- (a) from the date of purchase of the television receiver where the owner has never complied with the provisions of regulation 2 (1) & (2); or
- (b) from the date of the default in payment where the owner did comply with the provisions of regulation 2 (1) and (2) but has since refused, failed or neglected to do so.

Stolen and unserviceable television receivers

8. (1) A person who owns a television receiver and such receiver gets stolen, shall in addition to reporting the theft to the Royal Swaziland Police also report such theft to the Swaziland Television Authority within 14 days.

(2) A person who owns a television receiver which becomes permanently unserviceable due to non-economic repair costs, shall report such occurrence to the Authority within 14 days.

(3) The Authority shall in respect of paragraphs (1) and (2) issue a clearance certificate in such form as the Authority may prescribe exempting the owner from the payment prescribed under regulation 2 but may require a technical examination of the receiver to be carried out before issuing such certificate.

Exemptions

9. A television receiver or a video cassette recorder belonging to a diplomatic mission, the head of a diplomatic mission or a diplomatic agent assigned to Swaziland, shall be exempt from the provisions of regulations 2, 5, 6, 7 and 10.

Offences and penalties

10. A person who contravenes regulation 7 shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred Emalangeni or imprisonment for three months.

SCHEDULE (Regulation 4)

COLOUR TELEVISION RECEIVERS

<i>Size</i>		<i>Monthly fee</i>
20"	Previewed	E32.00
22"	Previewed	E34.45
26"	Previewed	E33.45
14"	New	E29.95
20"	New	E34.25
26"	New	E37.45

MONOCHROME TELEVISION RECEIVERS

Portable	Previewed	E13.60
20"	Previewed	E14.80
24"	Previewed	E19.40
Portable	New	E15.80
24"	New	E21.60

A.R. SHABANGU
Permanent Secretary

MBABANE.
11th February, 1983.