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MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

New Delhi, the 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2003.

**G.S.R. (E).-In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) and clause (e) of sub-section (2) of section 22 of the Cable Television Networks [Regulation] Act, 1995 , the Central Government hereby makes the following rules to amend the Cable Television Networks {Regulation] Rules, 1994, namely:-**

**1. Short Title and Commencement.-**

**(1) These rules may be called the Cable Television Networks [Second Amendment] Rules, 2003.**

**(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.**

**For the existing rule 12 of the Cable Television Networks {Regulation] Rules, 1994, the following shall be substituted:-**

**“12. Responsibility of cable operators in certain cases.-**

In the event of the cable operators not being in a position by 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2003 to declare whether a channel is “pay” channel or ‘free-to-air’ channel and the price of any pay channel due to the information not being provided by the broadcaster, the cable operator shall not transmit such channel through its network after the 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2003.”

2. After rule 13 of the Cable Television Networks [Regulation] Rules, 1994, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:-

14. Manner of making provisions for rent, security deposit, etc. for Set Top Boxes .-

(1) The Cable Operator will intimate to each cable subscriber in writing and at least fifteen days before the introduction of ‘Conditional Access System’, in the specified area of service, the following details of Set Top Boxes :-

(a) Type of Set Top Box whether analogue or digital, its main physical functions and its conformity with the Bureau of Indian standards.

(b) Details of payment schemes, including validity period of the offers on sale, hire purchase, or rent of Set Top Box and amount of refundable security deposit payable by the cable subscriber.

(c) Maximum time for refund of security deposit to any cable subscriber who returns the Set Top Box.

(d) Details of maintenance facility available with the cable operators.

(e) Maximum time to repair/replace the Set Top Box.

(f) Period of warranty of the Set Top Boxes.

(2) The Cable Operator shall also furnish the information required in sub-rule (1) above to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, duly authenticated by its authorised signatory.

**Foot- Note:-** The Principal Rules were notified in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary) in Part II – Section 3 – Sub-section (i) vide G.S.R.729(E) dated 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1994. These were amended, first in the year 1996 and subsequently in the years 2000 and 2002, through Notifications published in the Gazette of India vide G.S.R.(i) 459(E) dated 8<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1996; (ii) 710(E) dated 8<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2000, (iii) the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) {Amendment} Act, 2002 (No.2 of 2003) notified in the Gazette of India in Part II – Section 1 on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. 2003. These were further amended for the first time in 2003 vide notification G.S.R.459(E) dated 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2003 and published in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary) in Part II-Section 3 – Sub-section (i).

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