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IPTV Regulation

Most regulation will be the same for IPTV, CATV, FTA, Satellite, etc on a country specific basis

Ownership

License and Ordinance and terms

Content regulation

Price regulation

Trade agreements (WTO, etc)



IPTV: Telco Entry into Content

Is entry allowed?

- → Competition Law concerns such as cross-subsidization, leveraging and bundling
- → Safeguards such as separate subsidiaries and accounting manuals
- → Competition Law concerns generally minimal; public benefits can be substantial
- → Open access/carriage requirements
- → Internet exception

Is the CATV operator providing telco services?

- → Voice
- → Broadband
- → Etc



Ownership

- → Foreign ownership restrictions
 - % restrictions, control
 - Board level, Company Articles
- Cross ownership restrictions (media diversity)
 - TV, Radio, Newspapers, Magazines, Advertising Agencies
 - Direct, Indirect, Disqualified persons/corporations
- Separating IPTV carriage from content service
- **→** Trade Agreements
 - Bilateral, Multilateral, WTO commitments





Ordinance or Licensing Requirements

Investment levels over time
Rollout and geographic coverage over time
Channel introduction over time
License fees
Performance bond
Data protection
May/Must carry
Copyright provisions
Enforcement powers
License or asset transfer
License representations



Content Regulation

Violence, children, adult, gambling, language (bars/time of day)

Program classifications and announcements (Cat I, II and III)

Education, children, family, news, religion, current affairs

Advertising (minutes, sponsors, program length, products)

Security (parental locks)

Public Service Announcements

Codes of Practice

Keep tapes



Price Regulation



New entrant, no market power



Safeguards (e.g. separate subs or accounting manuals) if necessary (but at a cost)



Competition Law



Deceptive and misleading advertising