

Outline of the Act to Partially Amend the Broadcasting Act

In order to provide NHK's broadcast programs continuously and stably even to those who do not have TVs or other broadcast reception equipment, this act adds the distribution of NHK's broadcast programs and program-related information to essential operations of NHK, and takes measures such as strengthening NHK's obligation to cooperate with measures taken by commercial broadcasters to eliminate poor broadcast reception.

1. Adding the Distribution of NHK's Broadcast Programs and Program-Related Information to Essential Operations of NHK

(1) Scope of Essential Operations of NHK

In order to provide NHK's broadcast programs continuously and stably even to those who do not have broadcast reception equipment, the following (i) and (ii) are made mandatory for, in principle, all of NHK's broadcast programs. And in order to meet the public demand and other conditions for the contents of NHK's broadcast programs to be provided in forms suitable for their viewing environment, the following (iii) is made mandatory for all or part of NHK's broadcast programs:

- (i) The distribution simultaneous with broadcast
- (ii) The distribution of broadcasted programs
- (iii) The distribution of program-related information*

*Information that is closely related to NHK's broadcast programs and is based on materials necessary for editing the broadcast programs.

(2) Distribution of Program-Related Information

In order for NHK to properly carry out the operations of the distribution of program-related information at its own discretion and responsibility, NHK is obligated to formulate and publish operating rules that conform to the following (i) through (iii), and to periodically evaluate, etc. the status of implementation of the operations:

- (i) Satisfying the public demand
- (ii) Ensuring the physical health and safety of the public
- (iii) Not hindering fair competition with the distribution and related services conducted by commercial broadcasters or other distributors

(3) Receiving Contract

In order to ensure the fair burden of receiving fees, those who have started receiving distributed broadcast programs or program-related information that NHK provides as essential operations are obligated to conclude a receiving contract with NHK, as the persons who are in the reception environment equivalent to the environment of those who have installed TVs and other broadcast reception equipment.

2. Strengthening NHK's Obligation to Cooperate with Measures Taken by Commercial Broadcasters to Eliminate Poor Broadcast Reception

From the perspective of NHK fulfilling its role as a platform that contributes to the overall development of broadcasting, NHK is obligated to respond to requests from commercial broadcasters for consultations regarding cooperation with NHK on measures to eliminate poor broadcast reception, such as joint use of relay stations.

放送法の一部を改正する法律の概要

NHKの放送番組をテレビ等の放送の受信設備を設置しない者に対しても継続的かつ安定的に提供するため、インターネットを通じて放送番組等の配信を行う業務をNHKの必須業務とするとともに、民間放送事業者が行う放送の難視聴解消措置に対するNHKの協力義務を強化する等の措置を講ずる。

1. NHKの放送番組等の配信に係る業務の必須業務化

(1) 必須業務の範囲

NHKの放送番組を放送の受信設備を設置しない者に対しても継続的かつ安定的に提供するため、原則として全ての放送番組について、下記①及び②をNHKの必須業務とするとともに、NHKの放送番組の内容がその視聴の環境に適した形態で提供されることに対する公衆の要望等を満たすため、放送番組の全部又は一部について、下記③をNHKの必須業務とする。

- ①同時配信を行うこと
- ②見逃し配信を行うこと
- ③番組関連情報※の配信を行うこと

※ 放送番組と密接な関連を有する情報であって、放送番組の編集上必要な資料によるもの

(2) 番組関連情報の配信

NHKが番組関連情報の配信を行う業務を自らの判断と責任において適正に遂行するため、NHKに対して下記①～③に適合する業務規程の策定、公表等を義務付けるとともに、その実施状況を定期的に評価すること等を義務付ける。

- ①公衆の要望を満たすもの
- ②公衆の生命又は身体の安全を確保するもの
- ③民間放送事業者等が行うネット配信等との公正な競争の確保に支障を生じないもの

(3) 受信契約

受信料の公平負担を確保するため、テレビ等の放送の受信設備を設置した者と同等の受信環境にある者として、NHKが必須業務として行う放送番組等の配信の受信を開始した者をNHKとの受信契約の締結義務の対象とする。

2. 民間放送事業者が行う放送の難視聴解消措置に対するNHKの協力義務の強化

NHKによる放送全体の発展に貢献するプラットフォームとしての役割を果たす観点から、NHKに対し、民間放送事業者から中継局の共同利用等の難視聴解消措置についてNHKとの協力に関する協議の求めがあった場合に当該協議に応じることを義務付ける。