

Breaches dealt with by the Communications Authority (“CA”) in June 2021

Case 1:

Breach of Licence Condition by WarnerMedia Asia Pacific (HK) Limited (“WMAP”)

Relevant Provision

Non-domestic Television Programme Service (“Non-domestic TV”) Licence (“WMAP’s Licence”)

- Conditions 10.1 and 10.2

The CA’s Findings

Under Condition 10.1 of WMAP’s Licence, unless with the waiver granted by the CA, WMAP is required to comply at all times with the statements and representations made in its Licensee’s Proposal, including the line-up of programme channels.

WMAP had breached the licence condition by failing to seek the requisite approval of the CA before reducing the number of programme channels from 16 December 2020 to 15 March 2021.

Decision

Taking into account WMAP’s representations as well as the nature, duration and severity of the breach, the CA decided that WMAP should be **strongly advised** to observe the relevant licence condition more closely.

Case 2:

Breach of Licence Condition by Phoenix Satellite Television Company Limited (“Phoenix”)

Relevant Provision

Non-domestic TV Licence (“Phoenix’s Licence”)

- Conditions 10.1 and 10.2

The CA’s Findings

Under Condition 10.1 of Phoenix’s Licence, unless with the waiver granted by the CA, Phoenix is required to comply at all times with the statements and representations made in its Licensee’s Proposal, including its shareholding and ownership structure.

Phoenix had breached the licence condition by failing to seek the requisite approval of the CA prior to the implementation of the changes to its shareholding and ownership structure during the periods from 18 July 2018 to 24 March 2021 and from 22 August 2018 to 24 March 2021.

Decision

Taking into account Phoenix’s representations as well as the nature, duration and severity of the breach, the CA decided that Phoenix should be **advised** to observe the relevant licence condition more closely.