

L. N. 88 of 2012

**BROADCASTING ACT
(CAP. 350)**

**Requirements as to Standards and Practice Applicable to News
Bulletins and Current Affairs Programmes (Amendment)
Regulations, 2012**

IN exercise of the powers conferred by article 20(3) of the Broadcasting Act, the Broadcasting Authority, has made the following regulations:-

1. (1) The title of these regulations is the Requirements as to Standards and Practice Applicable to News Bulletins and Current Affairs Programmes (Amendment) Regulations, 2012 and shall be read and construed as one with the Requirements as to Standards and Practice Applicable to News Bulletins and Current Affairs Programmes, hereinafter referred to as “the principal requirements”.

Citation and entry into force. S.L. 350.14.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on 16th March 2012.

2. The following shall be added after paragraph 8.15.2. of the principal requirements:

Amends paragraph 8 of the principal requirements.

“8.15.3. An application for exercise of the right of reply may be rejected if such a reply is not justified according to the conditions laid down in paragraph 8.15.4, would involve a punishable act, would render the broadcaster liable to civil-law proceedings or would transgress standards of public decency.

8.15.4. Without prejudice to the provisions of any other law, any natural or legal person, regardless of nationality, whose legitimate interests, in particular reputation and good name, have been damaged by an assertion of incorrect facts in a television or radio programme may exercise a right of reply. The Authority shall ensure that the actual exercise of the right of reply is not hindered by the imposition of unreasonable terms or conditions. The reply shall be transmitted within a reasonable time subsequent to the request being substantiated and at a time and in a manner appropriate to the broadcast to which the request refers.”