

[MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 01-2018, April 03, 2018]

**FURTHER AMENDING MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 02-2016 ON
THE RULES GOVERNING PROGRAMS SHOWN ON DIGITAL
TERRESTRIAL TELEVISION**

Adopted: 21 March 2018

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WHEREAS, on 27 July 2016, the Board issued Memorandum Circular No. 02-2016 to regulate the broadcast of program contents in the medium of digital terrestrial television (DTT);

WHEREAS, on 27 July 2017, the Board amended certain provisions of Memorandum Circular No. 02-2016 extending the period of registration of DTT operators and further rationalizing the rate of review and monitoring fees of program contents shown on DTT channels;

WHEREAS, on 25 October 2017, the Board, through Memorandum Circular No. 05-2017, deferred the implementation of Memorandum Circular No. 02-2016, as amended by Memorandum Circular No. 02-2017, upon the representations of the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) and the Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas (KBP), as well as of other DTT operators, for the Board to revisit the review rates governing DTT broadcast;

WHEREAS, on 18 October 2017, the Board held another round of public consultation concerning Memorandum Circular No. 02-2016, especially on the review fees of programs shown on DTT channels;

WHEREAS, the Board is well aware that pending the government-mandated analog switch off (ASO) on 31 December 2023, television stations are doing parallel broadcast of their programs in analog signal and in digital signal;

WHEREAS, the Board cannot shirk from its responsibility to ensure that programs shown on televisions, whether in analog channels or in digital channels, must be compliant with the provisions of Presidential Decree No. 1986;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the Board's power to inspect all public exhibition of motion pictures and television programs, and in the light of its authority to exercise such powers and functions as may be necessary or incidental to the fulfillment of its mandate under Section 3 of P.D. No. 1986, the Board hereby further amends Memorandum Circular No. 02-2016, especially Sections 8 and 9 of Chapter IV thereof, to read as follows: