



Public Advisory

IMPACT ON YOUR CHANNEL LINE-UP

Intellectual Property Rights Compliance by Local Subscription Television Providers

The Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (the Authority) has been liaising with the Trinidad and Tobago Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of Land and Legal Affairs, the Ministry of Trade, Investment and Tourism, the Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs and local subscription television broadcasters (cable providers) to ensure that content carried over the local cable television networks complies with required Intellectual Property (IP) rights.

The Authority advises viewers that cable providers have been mandated to obtain the required IP rights to carry the U.S. free-to-air stations ABC, NBC, CBS, and FOX. If cable providers have not obtained the required IP rights, they must remove the stations from their channel line-ups over a one (1) year period, with one (1) station being regularised every 4 months starting 30th December 2025, in the following order:

- FOX – 30th December 2025
- NBC – 30th April 2026
- ABC – 31st August 2026
- CBS – 30th December 2026



What does this mean for viewers?

You will not be able to view channels which your cable provider has not acquired the rights to broadcast. **Broadcasters must acquire the required IP rights to include these specific stations in their channel line-up.**

Trinidad and Tobago is a signatory to IP treaties and agreements which require adherence to these rights. This means that Trinidad and Tobago has committed to ensuring that local cable providers can only broadcast authorised content.

Customers with questions about pricing or channel packages should contact their service providers directly.

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