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Intellectual Property Rights to be secured by 30th April for NBC to remain on local cable TV line-ups

The Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (“the Authority”) reminds the public that the local subscription broadcasting providers are required to secure the intellectual property rights to broadcast the U.S. Free-to-Air stations in Trinidad and Tobago.

On 30th December 2025, FOX was removed from the line-up of cable subscription TV providers that did not obtain the requisite rights to broadcast the station. Cable TV providers that do not obtain the required rights for NBC by 30th April 2026 can no longer carry that station in their channel line-ups.

Why This Matters

Failure to comply with intellectual property rights obligations negatively impacts Trinidad and Tobago’s trade relations and global partnerships.

Impact on Viewers

The phased schedule to secure the rights for the channels is as follows:

- **NBC** – Rights must be obtained by **30th April 2026**
- **ABC** – Rights must be obtained by **31st August 2026**
- **CBS** – Rights must be obtained by **30th December 2026**

Background

Since 2015, the Authority has been working with cable subscription TV providers and international stakeholders, including the U.S. Free-to-Air stations, to secure the broadcast rights for these stations. Despite extensive discussions, authorisation to broadcast these stations is not yet available. Accordingly, broadcasting these channels without obtaining the necessary authorisation violates intellectual property laws.

The Authority continues to work with the Intellectual Property Office of Trinidad and Tobago, the Ministry of Trade, Investment and Tourism, the Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs and local subscription cable providers to ensure that the required Intellectual Property (IP) rights are secured for all channels carried in Trinidad and Tobago.

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