

## **Official position of Ukraine**

### **The National Television and Radio Broadcasting Council of Ukraine bans broadcast of Russian TV channel Dozhd**

The National Television and Radio Broadcasting Council of Ukraine conducted had monitored the broadcast of a foreign Dozhd TV programming on 1-5, 11-12, 19 August, 4-6 November, and 29 December 2016 – 1 January 2017. As result of the monitoring, the facts of violation of Ukrainian legislation in force were registered.

Relevant decision of the National Council qualifies following violations:

- placing commercial advertising in violation of Article 13, par 9, of the Law of Ukraine "On Advertising" (Prohibition of broadcasting (re-broadcasting) to the territory of Ukraine of advertising included in programs and broadcasts of foreign TV/radio organizations, which are not subject to the jurisdiction of the Member States of the European Union or States Parties to the European Convention on Transfrontier Television);

- placing information in violation of the requirements of Article 6, par 2, of the Law of Ukraine "On Television and Radio Broadcasting" (Prohibition of use of broadcasting organizations for appeals to unleash wars, aggressive actions or their propaganda) and Article 28, par 1, of the Law of Ukraine "On Information" (Prohibition of use of information for calls to overthrow the constitutional order, to violate the territorial integrity of Ukraine, for propaganda of war, violence, cruelty, incitement of ethnic, racial or religious hatred, perpetration of terroristic acts, infringement of human rights and freedoms).

Given the above circumstances, the National Council, acting within its powers, delivered a legitimate decision to remove foreign Dozhd TV program from the Register of foreign programs whose content meets the requirements of the European Convention on Transfrontier Television and Ukrainian legislation.