

AVMSD TRANSPOSITION HIGHLIGHTS - BELGIUM (VL)



Belgium (Flemish speaking community) has transposed the AVMSD 2018/1808 with the Decree of 19 March 2021 amending the Decree of 27 March 2009 on radio broadcasting and television that entered into force on 29 April 2021:

https://www.ejustice.just.fgov.be/cgi/api2.pl?lg=nl&pd=2021-04-29&numac=2021020866



Protection of minors (Article 6a of the AVMSD)

 Appropriate measures may include selecting the time of the broadcast, using age verification tools or other technical measures.



Accessibility (Article 7 of the AVMSD)

- Accessibility measures include subtitling, audio description, sign language and audio subtitling.
- Specific quotas are set on the share of news programmes to be made accessible to people who are deaf or hard of hearing.

European works (Article 13, 16, 17 of the AVMSD)



- 30% quota obligation for European works in VOD catalogues, including a significant proportion for Dutchlanguage European works, and general prominence obligation.
- Financial contribution obligation of 2% of the turnover made in the Flemish-speaking community for domestic and non-domestic targeted VOD service providers either as a contribution to the production of Flemish audiovisual works or to the Flemish Audiovisual fund.
- More than half of the transmission time obligation for broadcasters for European works, including a significant proportion for Dutch-language European works, and 10% of their annual programming time for independent works.



Advertising (Article 23 of the AVMSD)

• Television advertising spots and teleshopping spots: 06.00-18.00 and 18.01-24.00: max. 20% of that period.



Video-sharing platforms (Article 28b of the AVMSD)

 Disputes between users and VSP should be ruled by the Board of impartiality and protection of minors of VRM.



Media literacy (Article 33a of the AVMSD)

General obligation to promote media literacy measures.

For more info, take a look at the <u>AVMSDatabase</u> and <u>country table!</u>