

AVMSD TRANSPOSITION HIGHLIGHTS - ITALY

Italy has transposed the AVMSD 2018/1808 with the Legislative Decree No 208 of 8 November 2021 that entered into force on 25 December 2021: https://www.gazzettaufficiale.it/eli/id/2021/12/10/21G00231/sg

Protection of minors (Article 6a of the AVMSD)

- The TV and minors self-regulation Code, binding to all broadcasters, set out specific measures including a differentiated time slot protection and rules pertaining to the participation of minors in TV programmes.
- Specific AGCOM regulations define the technical procedures for classifying potentially harmful programmes and preventing minors from accessing them.

Accessibility (Article 7 of the AVMSD)

AGCOM has prepared a technical table aimed at defining the measures to ensure accessibility to audiovisual media services to users with disabilities.

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

- 30% quota obligation for European works in VOD catalogues, of which at least 50% are reserved for original Italian-language works made in the last 5 years by independent producers.
- The prominence obligation is subject to detailed technical specifications defined in AGCOM regulations, and can include tools such as a dedicated section on the main access page or specific research tool.
- Obligations to invest in independent European works for domestic and non-domestic targeted VOD service providers: 17% of their annual net revenue in Italy in 2022, 18% in 2023 and 20% as from 2024; 50% of which for original Italian-language works.
- More than half of the transmission time obligation for broadcasters for European works, of which a subquota is reserved to original Italian-language works.
- Broadcasters must reserve, in the time period from 18:00 to 23:00, 12% of their annual programming time for independent work, of which a quarter to original Italian-language 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 for free TV, 15% for pay TV and 25% for local TV.

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

- AGCOM must encourage the use of co-regulation through codes of conduct, and adopt guidelines specifying the criteria of adoption of such codes.
- Specific AGCOM regulations define the procedures for resolving disputes between users and VSPs, as well as the rules relating to programmes intended for the Italian public which are transmitted by VSPs established in another Member State.



Media literacy (Article 33a of the AVMSD)

• The development of media and digital literacy by media service providers and VSP is promoted by the Ministry of Economic Development, in agreement with AGCOM.

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

