

Nordic PSB

2. Rights to Information and Short Extracts

The public's right to information is a fundamental part of democracy and our common cultural heritage. Any measure to secure access to short extracts of events subject to exclusive rights must primarily be aimed at protecting the interest of the audience.

The Nordic PSBs support the idea of measures intended to secure access to short extracts. Such measures should focus on access to the host broadcasters signal as this generally is sufficient in order to provide the public with information on a given event. The short extracts should primarily be intended for news bulletins, news and sport programs (and not for example for entertainment programs). In order not to undermine the position of the broadcaster that has acquired exclusive rights to the event, the short extract should not exceed 90 seconds.

Access to events of major importance to society.

Article 3 a of the Directive may serve an important purpose in giving the public access to major events. The Nordic PSBs nevertheless believe that the current provisions need to be clarified and reinforced in order to operate satisfactorily.

We appreciate your consideration of our views and for further information please contact our representation in Brussels.

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