



## Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2023-66

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Reference: Part 1 licence renewal applications posted on 29 September 2022

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### Various licensees

Across Canada

*Public record: 2022-0515-3 and 2022-0516-1*

### Chutney Radio and Tamil Radio – Licence renewals

1. The Commission has the authority, pursuant to subsection 9(1) of the *Broadcasting Act*, to issue and renew licences for such terms not exceeding seven years and subject to such conditions related to the circumstances of the licensee as it deems appropriate for the implementation of the broadcasting policy set out in subsection 3(1) of the *Broadcasting Act*.
2. Consistent with that authority, the Commission **renews** the broadcasting licences for the national, English-language specialty audio service Chutney Radio and the national, ethnic Tamil- and English-language specialty audio service Tamil Radio, from 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2030.<sup>1</sup> The Commission did not receive any interventions in regard to these applications. The terms and **conditions of licence** are set out in the appendix to this decision.

Licensee	Name of service	Application
8595879 Canada Limited	Tamil Radio	2022-0516-1
Caribbean Chutney Radio Limited	Chutney Radio	2022-0515-3

### Reminder

3. Pursuant to section 22 of the *Broadcasting Act*, the broadcasting licences renewed in this decision will cease to have any force or effect if the broadcasting certificates issued by the Department of Industry (also known as Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada) lapse.

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<sup>1</sup> The original licence expiry date for these services was 31 August 2022. The licences were administratively renewed until 31 August 2023 as a result of *Various radio and audio programming undertakings and network – Administrative renewals*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2021-298, 30 August 2021.

## **Practical guide for radio licence renewals**

4. To learn more about the Commission's review of compliance with regulatory requirements relating to licences, and about the renewal process, please consult the Commission's [Practical guide to radio licence renewals](#).

Secretary General

*This decision is to be appended to each licence.*

## **Appendix to Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2023-66**

### **Terms, conditions of licence, expectation and encouragement for the national specialty audio programming undertakings Chutney Radio and Tamil Radio**

#### **Terms**

The licence will expire 31 August 2030.

#### **Conditions of licence applicable to each service**

1. The licensee shall adhere to the conditions of licence and the licensing framework for specialty audio programming services set out in Appendix 1 to *New licensing framework for specialty audio programming services*, Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2002-53, 12 September 2002, as well as to the conditions set out in the broadcasting licence for the undertaking.
2. The licensee shall adhere to the *Broadcast Code for Advertising to Children* and the *Equitable Portrayal Code*, as amended from time to time and approved by the Commission.
3. The licensee shall adhere to sections 2.2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9(2) and 11 of the *Radio Regulations, 1986*.
4. The licensee shall adhere to the *Broadcasting Licence Fee Regulations, 1997* if its revenues derived from broadcasting activities exceed the threshold amount of \$2 million.

#### **Additional condition of licence applicable to Chutney Radio**

5. The licensee shall provide a national, English-language specialty audio service devoted to the English-language Caribbean communities in Canada. All of the programming broadcast in each broadcast week shall be in the English language. Programming shall consist of talk shows, music, news and general information on sports, politics, weather, health, farming, education, as well as import and export issues.

#### **Additional condition of licence applicable to Tamil Radio**

6. The licensee shall provide a national, ethnic Tamil- and English-language specialty audio service devoted to the Tamil-speaking communities in Canada. Of the programming broadcast in each broadcast week, 90% shall be in the Tamil language, and the remaining 10% shall be in the English language. Programming shall consist of talk shows, music, news and general information on sports, politics, weather, health, farming, education, as well as import and export issues.

For the purposes of this condition, the term “broadcast week” shall have the same meaning as the one set out in the *Radio Regulations, 1986*.

**Expectation**

The Commission expects the licensee to reflect the cultural diversity of Canada in its programming and employment practices.

**Encouragement**

In accordance with *Implementation of an employment equity policy*, Public Notice CRTC 1992-59, 1 September 1992, the Commission encourages the licensee to consider employment equity in its hiring practices and in all other aspects of its management of human resources.