



SPORTING EVENTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Call for Submissions

Consultation on the list of events designated as “of major importance to society”, for which qualifying broadcasters should provide coverage on a free television service.

Section 173 of the Broadcasting Act, 2009 provides that a review must be undertaken every three years. The current list of designated events is available at www.dcenr.gov.ie .

It is proposed to add the following events to the current list of designated events:-

GAELIC GAMES

Provincial Finals in the Senior Football and Hurling Championships

All Ireland Championship Senior Football and Hurling Quarter finals and Semi finals.

RUGBY

Ireland’s games in the Six Nations Rugby Football Championship (move from deferred to live basis)

European Rugby Cup (qualifiers - pre quarter final stages - quarter finals, semi finals and final when an Irish team is participating) live

HORSE RACING

The Cheltenham Festival

Submissions are required from the public and interested parties. Closing date for submissions is 17.30hrs on Friday 4th June, 2010. Submission can be made as follows:

- Posted electronically to www.dcenr.gov.ie/forum
- By e-mail to broadcast@dcenr.gov.ie
- By post to:
Major Events Coverage,
Broadcasting Policy Division,
Department of Communications, Energy and
Natural Resources,
29-31 Adelaide Road, Dublin 2.

The Department proposes to publish all submissions received on its website. Respondents should clearly identify material that is confidential and which may not be published. The provisions of the Freedom of Information Acts 1997 to 2003 apply.

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