FCC RULE: All nonexempt full-length video programming delivered using Internet protocol must be provided with closed captions if the programming is published or exhibited on television in the United States with captions.

Responsibilities of Video Programming Owners (VPO)

- **Provide Caption Files:** Program files must be delivered to the Video Programming Distributor (VPD) with all appropriate caption files.
- **Maintain Quality:** Captions must maintain or exceed the quality of televised captions for the same programming. Quality is defined in terms of completeness, placement, accuracy, and timing.
- **Tell It:** The VPO and VPD must agree on a mechanism that will be used to identify IP-delivered programming for which captions are required, provided, and available for end users.

Responsibilities of Video Programming Distributors/Providers. (VPD/VPP)

- **Pass Through:** Required captions must be “rendered or passed through” to the end user, including through the hardware or software made available for this purpose.
- **Maintain Quality:** The VPD must maintain the quality of the captions delivered by the VPO.
- **Tell It:** The VPO and VPD must agree on a mechanism that will be used to identify IP-delivered programming for which captions are required, provided, and available for end users.
- **Handle Complaints:** The VPD must provide contact information to end users for the receipt and handling of captioning complaints.

Terms

- **Video Programming Owner (VPO):** person or company that creates or owns the content. More specifically, the VPO is the entity that has licensing authority for the content.
- **Video Programming Distributor (VPD):** person or company that distributes video content to the end user over IP.
- **Video Programming Provider (VPP):** same as VPD.
- **Internet Protocol (IP) Delivery:** distribution of video programming content over the Internet. This includes delivery to a personal computer, tablet, cellular telephone, gaming console, Blu-ray player, television set, or set top box.
- **Prerecorded Programming:** prerecorded content without “substantial” editing for IP distribution. (effective September 30, 2012).
- **Live Programming:** live content distributed via IP simultaneously with TV broadcast (effective March 30, 2013).
- **Near-Live Programming:** content recorded less than 24 hours before TV broadcast (effective March 30, 2013).
- **Edited for Internet distribution:** programming for which the television version is substantially edited prior to its IP distribution (effective September 30, 2013).
- **Archived Programming:** programming that is already in the VPD library before it is shown on TV with captions (effective March 30, 2014).
IS YOUR PROGRAM DELIVERED VIA INTERNET PROTOCOL (IP)?
This includes content delivered to a personal computer, cell phone, tablet, game console, or set top streaming player.

Internet captioning rules do not apply to you.

DOES YOUR PROGRAM AIR ON TV IN THE UNITED STATES?

IS YOUR PROGRAM CLOSED CAPTIONED?
Nearly all television programming is required to have closed captioning. Contact CaptionLabs to begin captioning your program.

IS YOUR PROGRAMMING BROADCAST LIVE OR WITHIN 24 HOURS OF BEING RECORDED?

WHEN DELIVERED VIA IP, IS YOUR PROGRAM SUBSTANTIALLY EDITED FROM THE BROADCAST VERSION? An example would be deleting/modifying scenes, or adding extended/alternate bonus material. Changing commercials or splitting a program into smaller, complete segments is not considered substantially editing.

When delivered via IP, your program will require captioning beginning March 30, 2013.

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