

**§ 73.672**

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had already aired within the previous seven days on either the station's main program stream or on another of the station's free digital program streams. This requirement does not apply to any program stream that merely time shifts the entire programming line-up of another program stream and, during the digital transition, to core programs aired on both the analog station and a digital program stream.

NOTE 1 TO § 73.671: For purposes of determining under this section whether programming has a significant purpose of serving the educational and informational needs of children, the Commission will ordinarily rely on the good faith judgments of the licensee. Commission review of compliance with that element of the definition will be done only as a last resort.

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EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 70 FR 37, Jan. 3, 2005, in § 73.671, paragraph (c)(5) was revised, effective Jan. 1, 2006. This paragraph contains information collection and record-keeping requirements and will not become effective until approval has been given by the Office of Management and Budget.

**§ 73.672 [Reserved]**

**§ 73.673 Public information initiatives regarding educational and informational programming for children.**

Each commercial television broadcast station licensee shall provide information identifying programming specifically designed to educate and inform children to publishers of program guides. Such information shall include an indication of the age group for which the program is intended.

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**§ 73.674 Digital television transition notices by broadcasters.**

(a) Each full-power commercial and noncommercial educational television broadcast station licensee or permittee must air an educational campaign about the transition from analog broadcasting to digital television (DTV). For each such commercial station, a licensee or permittee must elect, by March 27, 2008 to comply with either paragraph (c) or (d) of this section. For each such noncommercial

station, a licensee or permittee must elect March 27, 2008 to comply with paragraph (c), (d), or (e) of this section. A licensee or permittee must note their election via the filing of Form 388 as required by §§ 73.3526 and 73.3527.

(b) The following requirements apply to paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) of this section:

(1) The station must comply with the requirements of the paragraph it elects with respect to its analog channel and its primary digital stream.

(2) Any Public Service Announcement aired to comply with these requirements must be closed-captioned, notwithstanding § 79.1(d)(6) of this chapter.

(3) The campaign must begin no later than March 27, 2008 and continue at least through March 31, 2009. After March 31, 2009, any station that has filed a request for an extension to serve its full operating area or is operating under such an extension must continue its education campaign until the request is withdrawn or denied or, if granted, until it expires.

(c) *Consumer Education Campaign Option One:* (1) From March 27, 2008 through March 31, 2008, a licensee or permittee must, at a minimum, air one transition-related public service announcement (PSA), and one transition-related informative text crawl, in every quarter of every broadcast day. This minimum will increase to two of each, per quarter, from April 1, 2008 through September 30, 2008, and to three of each, per quarter, from October 1, 2008 through the conclusion of the campaign. At least one PSA and one informative text crawl per day must be aired between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. in the Eastern and Pacific time zones, and between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. in the Mountain and Central time zones.

(2) For the purposes of this section, each broadcast day consists of four quarters; 6:01 a.m. to 12 p.m., 12:01 p.m. to 6 p.m., 6:01 p.m. to 12 a.m., and 12:01 a.m. to 6 a.m.

(3) Informative text crawls must:

- (i) Air during programming;
- (ii) Air for no fewer than 60 consecutive seconds;
- (iii) Be displayed so that the text travels across the bottom or top of the