



**PAKISTAN ELECTRONIC MEDIA
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All Satellite TV & FM Radio

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All licensees are directed to ensure compliance of following mandatory provisions in letter and spirit failing which stern legal action shall be initiated under relevant provisions of PEMRA Laws:-

- a. **Article-19 of the Constitution of Pakistan** obliges that "every citizen shall have the right to freedom of speech and expression, and there shall be freedom of the press, subject to any reasonable restrictions imposed by law in the interest of the glory of Islam or the integrity, security or defence of Pakistan or any part thereof friendly relations with foreign States, public order, decency or morality, or in relation to contempt of court, [commission of] or incitement to an offence.
- b. **Section-20 of PEMRA Amendment Act-2007**, interalia, enjoins the licensees of electronic media to preserve religious values, prohibit religious discrimination and comply with the Electronic Media Code of Conduct-2015.
- c. **Provision-3 (a), (d), (f) & Provision 10 of Electronic Media Code of Conduct-2015** specifically prohibits airing of any content which may be derogatory or insulting towards any religion and is against Islamic values and ideology of Pakistan.

2. This issues with approval of the competent authority.


(Umair Azim)

Assistant General Manager
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Cc:-

1. Registrar, Islamabad High Court (with reference to W.P. No. 739/2017, Salman Shahid VS Federation)
2. Chairman, Pakistan Broadcasters Association (PBA), Karachi

3. Chairman, Pakistan Advertisers Society (PAS), Karachi
4. Syed Khizar Ali Shah, Deputy Director (PBC), Ministry of Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage
5. All Director Generals, PEMRA
6. Secretary to the Authority, PEMRA,
7. All General Managers, PEMRA, Headquarters, Islamabad
8. Head Legal Wing, PEMRA
9. AGM, Chairman Secretariat, PEMRA, Headquarters, Islamabad
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