



Receiving Contract and Receiving fees

Article 64

- (1) Persons who installed reception equipment capable of receiving NHK broadcasts (excluding the following equipments; hereinafter referred to as "specified reception equipment" in this paragraph and paragraph (3), item (ii)) must conclude a reception contract with NHK pursuant to the provisions of the terms (hereinafter referred to as "approved contract terms" in this paragraph) of the reception contract for which the approval set forth in paragraph (3) was received (meaning a contract for receiving NHK broadcasts; hereinafter the same applies in this Article and Article 70, paragraph (4)); provided, however, that this does not apply to the case in which specified reception equipment is installed in a residence (including a location prescribed in the approved contract terms as a location deemed to be a residence) and another person who shares the residence and livelihood has already executed a reception contract pursuant to the main text of this paragraph for other specified reception equipment installed in the residence, and the cases prescribed in the approved contract terms as cases where it is not necessary to execute another reception contract pursuant to the provisions of the main text of this paragraph:
 - (i) Reception equipment not intended for the reception of broadcasts; or
 - (ii) Reception equipment only capable of receiving radio broadcasts (meaning broadcasts comprising of sounds such as voices, that do not fall under television broadcasting or multiple broadcasting; the same applies in Article 126, paragraph (1)) or multiple broadcasting
- (2) NHK must not exempt the fees for receiving broadcasts to be collected from persons who have concluded a reception contract pursuant to the provisions of the main text of the preceding paragraph unless the exemption is pursuant to the standards for exemption of fees for receiving broadcasts which have been authorized by the Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications in advance.
- (3) NHK must stipulate the following and obtain authorization from the Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications in advance with regard to the terms of the reception contract. The same applies when making amendments thereto:



- (i) Matters relating to units of reception contracts;
 - (ii) Matters relating to methods and deadlines for applying for reception contracts (including matters that NHK should be notified of on upon that application, such as the day of installation of specified reception equipment);
 - (iii) Matters related to the timing and methods of the payment of fees for receiving broadcasts;
 - (iv) Amount of fees for receiving broadcasts and surcharges that NHK can collect in the below cases and other matters relating to the collection of those fees for receiving broadcasts and those surcharges:
 - (a) Cases where the payment of fees for receiving broadcasts is avoided through illicit means; or
 - (b) Cases where an application for a reception contract is not made by the deadline specified in item (ii) without a legitimate reason; and
 - (v) Other matters prescribed by Order of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications
- (4) The amount of fees for receiving broadcasts specified in item (iv) of the preceding paragraph shall be the amount individually provided for in the following items in accordance with the cases set forth in the cases given in those items. The amount of surcharges specified in item (iv) of the same paragraph shall be an amount to not exceed the amount individually provided for in the same items in accordance with the cases set forth in the cases given in those items multiplied by the multiple prescribed by Order of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications:
- (i) Cases that come to fall under cases provided for in item (iv) (a) of the preceding paragraph: Amount of fees for receiving broadcasts for which payment was avoided; or
 - (ii) Cases that come to fall under cases provided for in item (iv) (b) of the preceding paragraph: Amount equivalent to the amount of fees for receiving broadcasts that should be paid by the day prior the date when the reception contract was actually executed if reception contract was executed on the day on which the deadline specified in item (ii) of the same paragraph arrived
- (5) Broadcasts which are simultaneous un-edited re-transmissions of NHK broadcasts are deemed to be NHK broadcasts, and the provisions of the preceding paragraphs apply to the broadcasts.