



Receiving Contracts and Receiving Fees

Article 64

- (1) Persons who installed reception equipment capable of receiving NHK broadcasts (excluding the following equipment; referred to as "specified reception equipment" in this paragraph and paragraph (3), item (ii) below) must conclude a receiving contract with NHK pursuant to the provisions of the terms (referred to below as "approved contract terms" in this paragraph) of the receiving contract for which the authorization referred to in paragraph (3) was received (meaning a contract for receiving NHK broadcasts; the same applies in this Article and Article 70, paragraph (4) below); 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 receiving 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 receiving 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 audio, that do not fall under television broadcasting or multiplex broadcasting; the same applies in Article 126, paragraph (1)) or multiplex broadcasting
- (2) NHK must not exempt persons who have concluded a receiving contract pursuant to the provisions of the main text of the preceding paragraph from collection of broadcast receiving fees, unless the exemption meets the standard as authorized by the Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications in advance.
- (3) NHK must stipulate the following matters and obtain authorization from the Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications in advance with regard to the terms of the receiving contract. The same applies when making amendments to the terms:



- (i) matters relating to units of receiving contracts;
 - (ii) matters relating to methods and deadlines for applying for receiving 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 broadcast receiving fees;
 - (iv) amount of broadcast receiving fees and surcharges that NHK can collect in the below cases and other matters relating to the collection of those broadcast receiving fees and those surcharges:
 - (a) if the payment of broadcast receiving fees is avoided through unfair means; or
 - (b) if an application for a receiving contract is not made by the deadline specified in item (ii) without a justifiable reason; and
 - (v) other matters prescribed by Order of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications
- (4) The amount of broadcast receiving fees specified in item (iv) of the preceding paragraph is to be the amount individually provided for in the following items in accordance with the cases stated in those items. The amount of surcharges specified in item (iv) of the same paragraph is to be an amount to not exceed the amount individually provided for in the same items in accordance with the cases stated 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 stated in item (iv) (a) of the preceding paragraph: amount of receiving fees for which payment was avoided; or
 - (ii) cases that come to fall under cases stated in item (iv) (b) of the preceding paragraph: amount equivalent to the amount of receiving fees that should be paid by the day prior the date when the receiving contract was actually executed if receiving contract was executed on the day on which the due date specified in item (ii) of the same paragraph arrived
- (5) Broadcasts which are simultaneous un-edited re-broadcasting of NHK broadcasts are deemed to be NHK broadcasts, and the provisions of the preceding paragraphs apply to the broadcasts.