

**MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION
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**REGULATION OF THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION OF THE
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CONCERNING

**EARLY WARNING FOR TSUNAMIS OR OTHER DISASTERS THROUGH NATIONWIDE
BROADCASTING SERVICES**

**MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION OF THE
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Considering : a. that earthquake and tsunami disasters in Indonesia are on the rise and claim significant numbers of lives;
b. that in order to prevent larger death tolls it is seen as necessary to implement early warning for tsunamis and other disasters to the public by engaging Broadcasting Services;
c. that to ensure effectiveness and efficiency of early warning for tsunamis or other disasters there is a need to enact a national policy on early warning for tsunamis and other disasters through Broadcasting Services by way of a Regulation of the Minister for Communication and Information.

In view of : 1. the 1945 Constitution of the Republic of Indonesia;
2. Law No. 32/ 2002 concerning Broadcasting (State Gazette No. 139/ 2002, Supplement to State Gazette No. 4252);
3. Law No. 50/ 2006 concerning Commercial Broadcasting Services (State Gazette No. 127/ 2005, Supplement to State Gazette No. 4566);
4. Presidential Regulation No. 83/ 2005 concerning the National Coordinating Agency for Disaster Management;
5. Presidential Regulation No. 9/ 2005 concerning Positions, Duties, Functions, Organizational Structures and Working Procedures of State Ministries of the Republic of Indonesia;
6. Presidential Decree No. 187/M of 2004 concerning Composition of the United Indonesia Cabinet as amended by Presidential Decree No. 8/ 2005;
7. Regulation of the Minister for Communication and Information No. 01/P/M.KOMINFO/4/2005 concerning the Organization and Working Procedures of Office of the Ministry of Communication and Information.

RESOLVED:

Enacted : **REGULATION OF THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION CONCERNING EARLY WARNING FOR TSUNAMIS OR OTHER DISASTERS THROUGH NATIONWIDE BROADCASTING SERVICES**

Article 1

Duty of Broadcasting Services to Transmit Early Warning for Disasters

- (1) Radio and television broadcasting services delivered by nationwide National Broadcasting Services, Commercial Broadcasting Services, Community Broadcasting Services, and Subscription Broadcasting Services have the duty to transmit information on potential disaster as a STOP PRESS insert.
- (2) Such STOPP PRESS insert as mentioned in point (1) is the temporary putting on hold of an ongoing broadcast to transmit early warning information after which the original broadcast is resumed.

Article 2

Early Warning Information

Such information as mentioned in Article 1 is information on earthquakes identified by the Meteorological and Geophysics Agency (BMG) as having the potential of triggering tsunamis or other life-threatening disasters and is delivered as special to Broadcasting Services for transmission.

Article 3

Transmission Procedure of Early Warning for Tsunamis or Other Disasters by Television Broadcasting Services

- (1) Television Broadcasting Services have the duty to transmit information as mentioned in Article 2 as a STOP PRESS insert as soon as possible and without delay upon receiving the information from BMG.
- (2) Any and all ongoing television broadcasts must without exception be temporarily put on hold to transmit the information as mentioned in Article 2.
- (3) Television Broadcasting Services follow the information as mentioned in Article 2 with the transmission of a High Tone Alarm by generating a 1 KHz Test Tone for 30 (thirty) seconds and the concurrent transmission of full-screen static text containing the information as mentioned in Article 2 void of interpretation.
- (4) If such disaster as mentioned in Article 2 fails to occur, BMG will dispatch a disaster cancellation notification.
- (5) Television Broadcasting Services have the duty to transmit such disaster cancellation notification as soon as possible in order to avert public panic and to restore public calm.
- (6) Method used to transmitting such disaster cancellation notification is left to each respective Television Broadcasting Service.

Article 4

Transmission Procedure of Early Warning for Tsunamis or Other Disasters by Radio Stations

- (1) Radio Broadcasting Services have the duty to transmit information as mentioned in Article 2 as a STOP PRESS insert as soon as possible and without delay upon receiving the information from BMG.
- (2) Any and all ongoing radio broadcasts must without exception be temporarily put on hold to transmit the information as mentioned in Article 2.

- (3) Radio Broadcasting Services follow the information as mentioned in Article 2 with the transmission of a High Tone Alarm by generating a 1 KHz Test Tone for 10 (ten) seconds.
- (4) Upon completion of the transmission as mentioned in Article 3, Radio Broadcasting Services next read out the information as mentioned in Article 2 void of interpretation.
- (5) If such disaster as mentioned in Article 2 fails to occur, BMG or other institutions identified by the Government will dispatch a disaster cancellation notification.
- (6) Radio Broadcasting Services have the duty to transmit such disaster cancellation notification as soon as possible in order to avert potentially life-threatening public panic and more loss of assets.
- (7) Method used to transmitting such disaster cancellation notification is left to each respective Radio Broadcasting Service.

Article 5
Early Warning Trial

Broadcasting Services have the obligation to conduct trials of Early Warning for Tsunamis or Other Disasters as arranged by the Government at the rate of 4 (four) trials for the first year and 2 (two) trials for each subsequent years, and to during each time of such trial clearly announce that it is a trial.

Article 6
Sanctions

- (1) Breach of the stipulations set out herein is liable to sanctions pursuant to prevailing legislation.
- (2) Parties abusing Early Warning for Tsunamis or Other Disasters instigating disturbance of public order and or public alarm may be liable to penal sanctions pursuant to prevailing legislation.

Article 7
Closing Provision

This Ministerial Regulation takes effect on the date of enactment.

Enacted in : JAKARTA

Date : 14 August 2006

**MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION
OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA**

[signed]

SOFYAN A. DJALIL

A copy hereof is presented to the honourable:

1. President of the Republic of Indonesia;
2. Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia;
3. Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia;
4. Ministers of the United Indonesia Cabinet;
5. Attorney General of the Republic of Indonesia;
6. Chief of the National Police of the Republic of Indonesia;
7. Governors/ District Heads/ Mayors throughout Indonesia;
8. Echelon I officials with the Ministry of Communication and Information;
9. Chairperson of Indonesia's Broadcasting Commission;

10. Chairpersons of Regional Broadcasting Commissions throughout Indonesia;
11. Radio and Television Broadcasting Organizations;
12. Radio and Television Broadcasting Services throughout Indonesia;
13. Heads of Monitoring Centres of the Post and Telecommunications Directorate General, Ministry for Communication and Information, throughout Indonesia.