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State Council Announces Amended Audiovisual Products Regulations

The State Council last Friday promulgated the amended Audiovisual Products Regulations with immediate effect. The amended Regulations, which consist of 51 articles in 7 chapters, specify ten types of prohibited audiovisual product, including those in breach of the Constitutional Law, endangering the sovereignty or unity of the country, leaking state secrets, encouraging racism and encouraging superstitious activities. Under the amended Regulations, the publication, production, duplication, importation, wholesale and retail of audiovisual products must be licensed. The licences and approval documents issued under the amended Regulations must not be leased, lent, sold or transferred in any other manner.

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