

**September 1, 2011**

**All Editors of NBA**

**Re: Use of National Flag by Member Broadcasters in news/current affairs programmes**

In the recent past the NBSA has received several complaints regarding the incorrect use of the National Flag by member broadcasters in various news and current affairs programmes.

The Authority, while disposing of these complaints, decided that the relevant **statutory provisions** be circulated to all Editors to ensure compliance of the requirements for use of the National Flag and other Emblems. Accordingly, we are circulating herewith the **Flag Code of India, 2002, Emblems and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 1950, and the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971.**

You are requested to kindly circulate the attached provisions to all editorial staff and in particular to producers to avoid incorrect use of the National Flag and Emblems, violation of which provisions is an offence.

A copy of these provisions may also be prominently displayed in the news room for easy access to all editorial personal & producers.

This is for your information and necessary action.

Issued under Orders of the  
News Broadcasting Standards Authority



For & on behalf of the  
News Broadcasting Standards Authority

*CC: All Members & Legal Heads of NBA  
Chairperson & Members of NBSA*

*Encl: As above*