

Section	Comment	Proposed amendment / suggestion
Regulation 4(7)	While the requirement for a BSL to reject a PEB within 24 hours is reasonable, the 48-hour period afforded to political parties or independent candidates to amend and resubmit a rejected PEB assumes access to technical, financial, and professional editing resources. This may disproportionately disadvantage smaller parties and independent candidates, particularly at local government level, where campaign resources are limited and editing turnaround times are longer.	Extend the resubmission period to at least three (3) working days. Where a rejection is communicated after 12:00, the following working day should be counted as day one. This would preserve certainty while improving fairness and accessibility.
Regulation 4(12)	The regulation requires the allocation of twelve PEB slots per day but does not explicitly provide that these slots should be of equal or comparable value. Without clear principles, there is a risk that some parties or candidates may consistently receive less favourable time slots, resulting in unequal access to audiences.	Clarify that PEB slots must be allocated on an equitable and comparable basis, with regard to audience reach and time of broadcast, or that a transparent and fair allocation methodology must be applied by the Authority.
Regulation 4(16)	PEB airtime allocated but not used is automatically forfeited. However, the regulations do not specify when allocation notices must be issued, which may limit the ability of parties and candidates to plan, prepare content, and make effective use of allocated slots.	Require that allocation notices be issued sufficiently in advance, for example at least one (1) month before the commencement of the election broadcast period, to enable fair preparation and planning.
Regulation 4(17)	The requirement that a PEB must be delivered at least five (5) working days prior to broadcast is not accompanied by an explanation of its basis or whether it reflects standard industry practice. Read together with the forfeiture provisions, this requirement may be unduly restrictive.	Provide the rationale for the five-day requirement or consider a more flexible delivery period, particularly where electronic submission is permitted, to reduce unnecessary exclusion while maintaining operational feasibility.
Regulation 4(21)	Where a PEB is not broadcast due to a transmission breakdown, the regulation requires the BSL to consult the Authority before re-broadcasting. However, there is no explicit provision for the affected party or candidate to receive assurance or evidence that the failure was unplanned and not the result of interference.	Provide that the affected political party or independent candidate may, upon request, be furnished with confirmation or a brief report demonstrating that the transmission failure was unplanned and that the Authority is satisfied that the matter was addressed fairly.
Schedule 2 (Technical standards)	Although updated technical standards may reflect industry norms, detailed specifications can increase production costs and the risk of rejection, particularly for smaller parties and independent candidates.	Consider whether simplified, tiered, or proportional technical standards could be applied in certain contexts without undermining broadcast quality, in order to reduce barriers to participation.