

The CNMC recommends changes to the marketing of futsal broadcasting rights to ensure competition between TV operators

- The Royal Spanish Football Federation (RFEF in Spanish) puts out to tender the broadcasting rights of the First and Second Futsal Federation for the coming seasons.

Madrid, 7 December 2022.- The CNMC has approved a report analysing the conditions proposed by the Royal Spanish Football Federation to market the broadcasting rights for the First and Second Futsal Federation, for the 2023/2024, 2024/25, and 2025/2026 seasons ([INF/DC/229/22](#)).

The CNMC considers that the proposed marketing bases do not comply with the conditions required by [Royal Decree-Law 5/2015](#). Specifically, the CNMC recommends to the RFEF a bidding procedure that respects the principles of competition, transparency, and non-discrimination by introducing the following changes:

- Clarifying whether the rights are tendered for 5 seasons, preferably considering a maximum term of 3 seasons.
- Granting sufficient time for the preparation and submission of bids and requests for clarification.
- Bringing the rights on offer into line with the provisions of Royal Decree-Law 5/2015.
- Precisely defining the content of the lots.
- Redressing the discrimination between pay-TV and free-to-air operators, by guaranteeing free competition between the two in all the lots.
- Limiting restrictions on the advertising decisions of the successful bidders.
- Eliminating wording that creates uncertainty for the applicants and gives excessive discretion to the RFEF in the awarding of rights.

These reports are issued pursuant to Article 4 of [Royal Decree-Law 5/2015](#) of 30 April on urgent measures in relation to the marketing of the rights to broadcast content of professional football competitions, which requires distributors to request a prior report from the CNMC on the proposed conditions.

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