

## **Agcom prohibits the publication of political polls**

The Communications Regulatory Authority regarding the transmission of electoral political poll results has issued a mandate for the compliance of the prohibition envisaged under provision of law of February 22 2000 in which Article 8 states that during the 15 days before the elections “it is prohibited to render public or, in anyway, spread the public opinion poll results of the elections and on political inclinations and of electors’ vote even if such surveys have been carried out during a period preceding the time of prohibition”.

Agcom’s mandate establishes that radio-television broadcasting enterprises, daily and weekly newspaper companies and the press are obliged to respect such a prohibition and underlines that non compliance also includes the reporting on radio, television, or press, through news agencies of statements regarding electoral polls made by political candidates or any other subjects.

In the case of non compliance of the prohibition, the broadcasting company or the subject giving such information are due to declare the violation on the same broadcast channels they have used to spread the public poll, if such a violation is not publicly and spontaneously acknowledged immediately after it has been broadcast, and adequately been pointed out by the same broadcasting or news organs themselves.

The non compliance of this prohibition implies moreover the implementation of monetary sanctions.

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