[LT] LRTK orders blocking of IPTV domains distributing sanctioned television channels

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On 21 October 2026, the Radio and Television Commission of Lithuania (*Lietuvos radijo ir televizijos komisija* - LRTK) adopted Decision No. KS-91 requiring the blocking of seven domains associated with Internet Protocol Television (IPTV) services distributing Russian television channels subject to EU sanctions. The decision applies to providers of public electronic communications networks and/or services operating in Lithuania.

The decision is aimed at network and service providers operating in Lithuania, rather than establishing individual liability for every IPTV viewer. It covers customer-facing websites and additional domains identified through traffic analysis as connected with the services, and had a compliance deadline of two working days following its entry into force. The Commission's announcement does not prove that every operator had blocked the domains by 22 October.

The domains concerned are *iptvlt.com*, *smarttvlife.com*, *iptvlietuva.com*, *skyflowiptv.org*, *ottlinks.club*, *cdntv.online* and *nexott.net*. The LRTK's decisions register records 21 October 2026 as the effective date of the order, which also required the Commission's administration to send it to the relevant providers on that date.

The LRTK's findings are based on monitoring of iptvlt.com on 16 and 17 September 2026 and of three other services between 21 and 29 September. The channels identified included Pervyi Kanal, Rossiya 1, Rossiya 24 and Rossiya RTR. Analysis of the services' data traffic identified *ottlinks.club* and *cdntv.online* as associated domains. The decision separately cites monitoring of *nexott.net* on 21 and 22 October 2025. The LRTK's announcement of 22 October explained that the services combined sanctioned channels with sports broadcasts, films and series.

According to the LRTK's announcement, *iptvlt.com* promoted EuroLeague and Lithuanian basketball, UEFA Champions League, Premier League, Formula 1 and UFC events alongside television channels and libraries of films and series. Offers ranged from EUR 18 for a monthly subscription to EUR 63 for a year, and a free trial was advertised. During monitoring, Pervyi Kanal, Rossiya 1 and Rossiya 24 were accessible alongside Lithuanian channels. The LRTK also stated that the provision of this internet television distribution service had not been notified to

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the Commission despite the statutory notification requirement.

The Commission refers to Article 2f(1) of Council Regulation (EU) No. 833/2014, which prohibits broadcasting, enabling or facilitating the broadcasting of content supplied by the entities listed in Annex XV, including through IPTV and internet services. Its national competence is derived from Article 48(1)(27) of the Law on the provision of information to the public, Article 11(3)(5) of the Law on international sanctions and point 32 of the sanctions implementation procedure approved by Government Resolution No. 535 of 25 May 2022. The decision may be challenged before the regional administrative court within 30 days of its entry into force.

The case concerns the means by which listed Russian channels were enabled or facilitated within a package of otherwise varied audiovisual material. The mere presence of sports and fictional broadcasts did not neutralise the EU sanctions restriction, but neither did the decision mean that each sports event or film had infringed copyright. It applied an existing sanctions framework to a case that spans consumer-facing websites and associated delivery infrastructure.

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