[IT] Constitutional Court Allows Three Referendums on the 'Mammi' Law

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On 11 January 1995, the Italian Constitutional Court has declared admissible, three referendums on Law N. 223 of 6 August 1990 governing public and private broadcasting in Italy (known as the "Mammi" law). Following this decision, the Italians will be asked to vote on the following three questions: 1. Should any private body holding a licence for national broadcasting be only allowed to run a single channel? - 2. Should there be no advertising breaks in films shown on television? - 3. Should there be a prohibition for advertising organisations to obtain revenue from more than two national channels? The referendums are due to be held next Spring.

Corte Constituzionale, Sentenza 11-12 January 1995, N. 8, Gazetta Ufficiale della Repubblica Italiana, 18 January 1995, 1s Serie speciale ns 3: 61-65.

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