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The TF1 group applauds the decision handed down on December 2 by the Paris Appeal Court regarding the legal dispute between TF1 and Dailymotion in place since 2007.

On the first hearing in 2012, the Paris District Court entered a guilty verdict against Dailymotion to the benefit of TF1 and LCI.

The Paris Appeal Court has increased fivefold the fines imposed.

Dailymotion has been sentenced to pay TF1, LCI, TF1 VIDEO and e-TF1 a total sum of over €1.3 million in damages in compensation for failing on several counts to respect its obligations regarding the French Act on Confidence in the Digital Economy.

The Court also noted that “Dailymotion has taken no action concerning users of its site specifically identified by TF1 SA as practising on a large scale the unlawful activity of posting programmes in violation of copyright”.

In the case of e-TF1, the publisher of the TF1 website, the Court considered that the confirmed breaches constituted “acts of unfair and parasitic competition” against it.

The decision confirms the importance given by the judiciary to the protection of rights for the entire audiovisual industry, with the Court having taken account in its deliberations of “TF1’s investments in audiovisual production and [...] the production costs of news programmes”. The decision marks a significant step forward in the fight against content piracy.

With the end of this litigation, TF1 would like to reiterate its ongoing determination to fight against the fraudulent use of its programmes as well as its commitment alongside producers and rights holders in their fight against piracy.

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