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The rule was approved by Prime Minister Nguyễn Xuân Phúc on March 14.

The digitalisation programme is being conducted in four phases, with Hà Nội, HCM City, Hải Phòng, Đà Nẵng and Cần Thơ leading the way. Twenty-six provinces were involved in the second phase, which ended on December 31, 2016.

The third phase, with a deadline of December 31, 2018, will be implemented in several provinces. These include Thanh Hóa, Nghệ An, Hà Tĩnh and Quảng Bình, as well as Quảng Trị, Thừa Thiên-Huế, Quảng Nam and Quảng Ngãi, in addition to Đình Địch, Phú Yên, Lâm Đồng and Ninh Thuận. Also included in this phase are Bình Phước, Tây Ninh, Trà Vinh and Sóc Trăng, as well as Bạc Liêu, Cà Mau and Kiên Giang provinces. Areas outside the coverage of digital broadcasting stations in Quảng Ninh, Bắc Giang, Thái Nguyên and Phú Thọ, as well as Ninh Bình, Bình Thuận, Đồng Nai, Bà Rịa-Vũng Tàu and Khánh Hòa are also included in this phase.

In the fourth phase, digitalisation will be rolled out in remote provinces in the northern and central regions.

According to the amendment, the Việt Nam Public Utility Telecommunication Services Fund will be used to help impoverished households access digital television by 2020.

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