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Given the withdrawal of the broadcast licence of C8, the leading DTT channel, by ARCOM and an increasingly restrictive fiscal and regulatory environment for the group in France, CANAL+ is announcing the withdrawal of its pay-TV channels from DTT.

The CANAL+ group, the leading international media company, and Europe's leader in the sector, continues to suffer tax and regulatory decisions that penalise its operations in France: an increase in tax paid to the CNC (The French National Centre of Cinema), threats to its VAT rate, despite its status as the largest contributor to the financing of French cinema, and finally, the decision to withdraw the broadcast licence of C8, the leading DTT channel.

This decision, as the CANAL+ group has constantly pointed out during public hearings, has profoundly impacted the activities of its pay-TV channels on DTT. As a result, the group has decided not to continue broadcasting its 4 pay-TV channels on DTT (CANAL+, CANAL+ Cinéma, CANAL+ Sport, Planète).

This withdrawal will take effect in June 2025. Only CANAL+ subscribers who are still on DTT will be affected. The group will offer them the equipment they need to continue to enjoy content via other broadcasting methods (DTH, ADSL and fibre via telecom operators, Internet / OTT from the CANAL+ app on all connected screens).

The CANAL+ group is now a world leader in entertainment, operating in 52 countries with 26.8 million subscribers at the end of 2023, two-thirds of its subscribers are located beyond the borders of France.

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