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## China issues 1st ever regulation on karaoke programming

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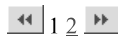


A KTV bar in Shanghai. China's first ever regulation on karaoke programming, which set technical standards for all songs used in the karaoke industry, has come into effect. [newsphoto]

The regulation, issued by the Ministry of Culture, says all karaoke programs should be audio and video products which have already been published on the Chinese mainland or been previously aired by TV stations on the Chinese mainland. If not, they should be examined by related administrative authorities beforehand.

"It is the country's first regulation on karaoke programming standards," said Liu Shifa, spokesman with the Cultural Market Development Center under the Ministry of Culture. "It will promote the program quality of the country's karaoke industry."

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