



# Regulations Governing Newspaper Publishing Services in Bhutan

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# Regulations Governing Newspaper Publishing Services in Bhutan

## 1.0 Commencement

The Regulations Governing Newspaper Publishing Services in Bhutan (“the Regulations”) shall come into force on the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of the Tenth Month of the Bhutanese Female Wood Rooster Year.

The Regulations shall apply to all persons within the territory of Bhutan or otherwise within the reach of the Royal Government of Bhutan or the Courts of Justice of Bhutan.

The Regulations have been approved by the 281<sup>st</sup> Session of the Coordination Committee Meeting (CCM) of the Council of Ministers held on the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of the Eighth Month of the Bhutanese Female Wood Rooster Year.

## 2.0 Definitions

“*Authority*” means the existing Bhutan Information, Communications and Media Authority.

“*Business*” includes a trade, profession or employment and also includes any activity carried out by a person, whether incorporated or unincorporated.

“*Cabinet*” means the Cabinet of the Royal Government of Bhutan.

“*Company*” means a body incorporated under the Companies Act of the Kingdom of Bhutan 2000.

“*Consumer*” means a person who uses a product for personal, family, household, or business purposes.

“*Content*” means any information, text, data, picture, or any combination thereof which is capable of being created, processed, stored, retrieved or communicated electronically or otherwise.

“*Cross-media*” means any combination of components of the media.

“*Editor*” means a person having editorial or equivalent responsibility for the content of a Newspaper or other periodical and for the decision to publish it. This term shall include any person who controls the editorial policy of a Newspaper or other periodical, by whatever title he may be known within his organisation.

“*Internet-based Publication*” means any matter that is made available to the

general public via the Internet, including the World Wide Web.

*“Journalist”* includes an editor, sub-editor, editorial writer, reporter, freelance contributor and any other person whose is engaged in the task of editing, reporting or writing for a newspaper or other periodical.

*“Licence Fees”* means the initial, annual or renewal fees payable to the Authority by an applicant or a licensee, as the case may be, for a licence.

*“Licensee”* means any person who has been granted a licence under the Regulations.

*“Mass Media”* means all media used for the purpose of disseminating news, information and entertainment to the general public;

*“Media Service”* means service provided through any mode of media and made available to the general public.

*“Minister”* means a member of the Cabinet and in charge of the Ministry of Information and Communications acting solely in his official capacity;

*“Ministry”* means the Ministry of Information and Communications of the Government.

*“Newspaper”* means any publication containing news, information, reports of events/occurrences, or comments, printed and published for sale or free distribution at regular intervals. This term includes magazines and other periodicals, but does not include any publication published by or for the RGoB;

*“Printing”* includes writing, lithography, cyclostyling, photocopying, photography, and any other physical or electronic modes or forms of representing or reproducing words, pictures, designs or objects in a visible form.

*“Proprietor”* means owner and for the purposes of fixing responsibility for operations of a company, includes the Chief Executive Officer of the company.

*“Publication”*, unless the context indicates otherwise, means the act of making information or stories available to people in any electronic or print form.

*“The Regulations”* means the Regulations Governing Newspaper Publishing Services in Bhutan approved by the 281<sup>st</sup> Session of the Coordination Committee Meeting (CCM) of the Council of Ministers held on the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of the Eighth Month of the Bhutanese Female Wood Rooster Year.

### **3.0 Application for a Publishing Licence**

#### **3.1 Any person who:**

3.1.1 is a Bhutanese citizen;

3.1.2 has adequate credible resources;

3.1.3 is a media professional or have media professionals as his employees;  
and

3.1.4 has not been, under the laws of Bhutan, convicted of a criminal offence;

wishes to set up a business of publishing newspapers, may apply to the Authority for a publishing licence.

#### **3.2 The application for a publishing licence shall be made in writing in the Form prescribed in Annexure A-1 hereto, and shall be accompanied by:**

3.2.1 a fee of Nu. 3,000 if the intended print run of the newspaper is 1,000 copies or less, or Nu. 5,000 if the intended print run of the newspaper is between 1,001 and 5,000 copies, or Nu. 10,000 if the intended print run of the newspaper is 5,001 or over copies, payable by Demand Draft drawn on the Bank of Bhutan;

3.2.2 a detailed business plan for the publication of the newspaper;

3.2.3 such other information or documents as the Authority may call for; and

3.2.4 where applicable, a 'bond' with or without surety in the Form prescribed in Annexure A-2 hereto.

#### **3.3 Grant or Refusal of a Publishing Licence**

3.3.1 The Authority shall, on receipt of an application under 3.1 above, proceed to consider it forthwith and pass an appropriate order. In making its decision, the Authority shall have due regard to all the relevant factors, including the relevant Policy and Policy Objectives of the Royal Government, provisions of any other relevant Regulations and Directives issued by the Ministry, and:

(a) the conditions stipulated under 3.1 above;

(b) the qualifications and experience of the applicant in the publishing

or related business;

- (c) whether the application discloses a viable business plan;
- (d) whether the newspaper proposed in the application is likely to contribute to the development of a diverse and vibrant print media sector in Bhutan;
- (e) whether the newspaper proposed in the application will contribute to a healthy competition among newspaper publishers in Bhutan; and
- (f) whether the newspaper proposed in the application is likely to pose any threat to the sovereignty, security, unity and integrity of Bhutan, or threat to the interests of peace, stability and well-being of the nation.

3.3.2 Where the Authority considers it necessary to call for additional documents or information from the applicant before deciding whether to grant or refuse the licence, it shall require the applicant to provide such documents or information, and the applicant shall submit the same within 10 days from the date of service of such notice.

3.3.3 If the Authority, after considering the application, including such other additional documents or information as referred to in 3.3.1 above, decides to grant the licence applied for, it shall notify the applicant immediately, and shall forward him the licence by registered post or other secure mode at the address furnished in the application. The licence shall be in the Form prescribed in Annexure A-3 hereto, and it shall state clearly the date of commencement thereof:

Provided, however, that where the Authority has required the applicant to comply with any prerequisites and/or formalities (including the execution of a surety bond or bonds) before the issuance of the licence, it may not forward the licence until those prerequisites and/or formalities have been complied with to the satisfaction of the Authority.

3.3.4 In granting the licence, the Authority may impose such conditions as it may deem appropriate, and the applicant shall be deemed to have accepted those conditions unless he notifies the Authority to the contrary and returns the licence forwarded to him under 3.3.5 below to it within 7 days of receipt thereof.

3.3.5 If the Authority decides not to grant the licence applied for, it shall notify the applicant immediately, and forward him the reasons for the

refusal of the licence, by registered post or other secure mode at the address furnished in the application.

### **3.4 Validity of a Publishing Licence**

Every Publishing Licence issued under 3.3 above shall be valid for a period of three years from the date of commencement of the licence, unless it is:

- 3.4.1 surrendered by the licensee earlier; or
- 3.4.2 revoked and/or cancelled by the Authority earlier; or
- 3.4.3 terminated by cause of death or legal incapacity of the licence holder earlier.

Any publication thereafter, without the permission of the Authority, would be deemed to be illegal and may entail appropriate consequences, as the Authority will decide.

### **3.5 Revocation/Cancellation of a Publishing Licence**

3.5.1 The Authority may revoke and/or cancel a Publishing Licence issued under 3.3 above in any of the following circumstances:

- (a) where the licensee, if an individual, becomes bankrupt, or if a company, goes into liquidation; or
- (b) where the licensee breaches any of the conditions attached to the licence.

3.5.2 Before a Publishing Licence is revoked and/or cancelled, the Authority shall give the licensee a reasonable opportunity of being heard and of making representations, and where any representations have been made, it shall give them due consideration.

### **3.6 Requirement to Carry Certain Information**

The publisher of every newspaper published in Bhutan shall cause to be printed:

3.6.1 in the first issue of the newspaper on or immediately after the first day of January each year, the following:

- (i) the names and addresses of the directors of the company publishing it, or where the newspaper is published by a firm, the

names and addresses of the partners of the said firm; and

- (ii) the name and address of every person who owns more than 10 percent of the total shareholding in the said company, or who is entitled to more than 10 percent of the profits of the firm, as the case may be;

3.6.2 in every copy of the newspaper:

- (i) the names of the editor, publisher and printer;
- (ii) the place of printing, address of the registered office and place of business;
- (iii) date of printing; and
- (iv) where applicable, relevant notices regarding copyrights.

### 3.7 Repository

3.7.1 The Authority may require the publisher of any newspaper, to submit certain number of copies for depositing them with the National Library, who shall be the legal repository for all newspapers. Once an order is passed and served on the publisher under this Section, such newspaper shall be deposited at the repository:

Provided that, if the printing medium is electronic or Internet, Web-based copies and particulars of those information are also to be submitted in the same manner as is followed for hard copies of such newspaper.

3.7.2 Every newspaper shall carry on the first or last page reference to the number of their deposit in the National Library.

3.7.3 When a newspaper is issued, three copies shall be deposited with the Authority. A receipt shall, as in the Form prescribed in Annexure A-4 hereto, shall be given for these deposits.

3.7.4 Importers of authorized foreign newspapers shall deposit three copies of each publication imported, with the Authority before circulation. A receipt shall, as in the Form prescribed in Annexure A-4 hereto, shall be given for these deposits.

### 3.8 Requirement to File Annual Statement

3.8.1 The publisher of every newspaper published in Bhutan shall, on or



before the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, file a statement (hereinafter referred to as the "Annual Statement") with the Authority, giving details of its print run, regularity of publication and such other information as may be specified by the Authority in relation to the calendar year immediately preceding that date.

3.8.2 The Annual Statement shall be in the Form prescribed in Annexure A-5 hereto, and it shall be signed by the publisher.

#### **4.0 Ownership of Newspaper Companies**

4.1 Every newspaper company in Bhutan shall be required to disclose to the Authority the names and addresses of the persons holding ownership shares therein.

4.2 All the shareholders, proprietors and directors of newspaper companies in Bhutan shall be Bhutanese citizens.

4.3 For the removal of doubts, the requirements prescribed in this Section are in addition to any requirements laid down in the Companies Act of the Kingdom of Bhutan 2000 relating to shareholders, proprietors and directors of companies.

#### **5.0 Prevention of Monopolistic and Other Similar Practices**

5.1 In order to prevent monopolies or other similar practices in the newspaper industry, the Government may, by order, impose such limits on the ownership and control by one person or company in the newspaper industry, as it may deem appropriate. The Government may also impose such limits on cross-media ownership and control of newspaper companies, as it may deem appropriate from time to time.

5.2 Without prejudice to the generality of 5.1 above, no person, company or other entity who or which owns or controls over 25 percent of the total paid-up capital of any other company engaged in mass media business within Bhutan shall be entitled to apply for a newspaper publishing licence under 3.1 above:

Provided, however, that the Government may, in exceptional circumstances, and for reasons to be recorded in writing, waive or relax the limits laid down hereinabove in relation to the ownership or control of any newspaper company.

## 6.0 Foreign Participation in the Newspaper Industry

- 6.1 No foreign Government or its agent or company shall be entitled to apply for and procure a licence under the Regulations.
- 6.2 Notwithstanding anything contained in this Section, a domestic company operating within Bhutan under a licence issued under the Regulations may enter into commercial contracts with foreign companies for the sale or purchase of equipment, consumables, hardware or programming or other software, subject to any other law or regulations which may govern such contracts.

## 7.0 Accreditation of Journalists

- 7.1 Any journalist, being a citizen of and ordinarily resident in Bhutan, who wishes to be recognized as an “accredited journalist” may apply to the Authority for such status.
- 7.2 Accreditation shall be granted only to an individual, and not to an organisation. Where a newspaper organisation wishes to seek accreditation for more than one journalist employed by it, each of the journalists concerned will need to submit separate applications for accreditation.
- 7.3 The Authority shall, on receipt of an application, proceed to consider it forthwith and pass an appropriate order. In making its decision, the Authority shall have due regard to all relevant factors, including the following:
  - 7.3.1 whether the applicant is a *bona fide* journalist;
  - 7.3.2 whether the applicant has the necessary qualifications and experience to be considered for accreditation; and
  - 7.3.3 whether it would be in the public interest to grant accreditation to the applicant.
- 7.4 If the Authority decides to grant accreditation, it shall notify the applicant in writing of this decision as soon as practicable but not later than 15 days from the date of submission of the application, and shall forward him an “Accreditation Card” bearing his photograph and signature. The said card shall constitute official proof of accreditation.
- 7.5 Those recognised as accredited journalists shall enjoy certain privileges, including (but not limited to) access to press conferences and media briefings organised by, or under the auspices of, the Government and other public sector organisations, access to press releases, briefing notes, backgrounders

and other material produced by the Government and other public sector organisations for public dissemination, and inclusion in official visits by the State and Government officials.

- 7.6 If the Authority decides to refuse accreditation, it shall notify the applicant in writing of this decision as soon as practicable but not later than 15 days from the date of submission of the application, stating the reasons for refusal.
- 7.7 Any accreditation granted shall be non-transferable and shall be valid for a period of three years from the date mentioned on the card referred to in 7.4 above.
- 7.8 The accreditation granted in 7.4 above may be renewed on the receipt of an application in this behalf by the journalist to whom it was granted. An application for renewal of accreditation shall be made not earlier than 30 days and no later than 15 days, prior to the date of its expiry. Any application made before 14 days from the date of expiry shall be rejected, and the journalist concerned will be required to make a fresh application for accreditation.

## **8.0 Donation Funds from Foreign Sources**

- 8.1 No person shall receive on behalf of, or for the purposes of, any newspaper funds or any benefits in kind from a foreign source without the prior approval of the Government:

Provided that no moneys received by a newspaper or newspaper company by way of royalties or syndication fees for news, articles or features supplied by it to a foreign party shall be deemed to be "funds" or "benefits in kind" for the purposes of this Section.

- 8.2 The Government may grant the approval referred to in the foregoing paragraph if it is satisfied that the funds from a foreign source are intended for the professional development of the newspaper media (e.g. training and equipment).

## **9.0 Newspaper Contents**

- 9.1 The licensee may provide diverse content covering educational, artistic, cultural, traditional and informative activities that promote national interests and respect for ethical and social values of the individual and of the family.

- 9.2 The licensee shall ensure that its newspaper content do not, in any manner or on any ground, express undue preference to, or exercise undue discrimination against, any person or group of persons.
- 9.3 The Authority, in consultation with the Ministry, shall develop codes of practice relating to the conduct of journalists, standard of programmes and advertisements, and ensure that newspaper services adhere to such codes. Any such code shall provide guidance in relation to:
- 9.3.1 the avoidance of discrimination in any manner or on any ground in all newspaper content, including news and current affairs; and
  - 9.3.2 the content of advertisements that may be published in the newspaper, including a stipulation as to whether advertisements which are directed towards any political end, or is inserted by, or on behalf of anybody whose objects are wholly or mainly of a political nature, may be allowed.
- 9.4 Any direction, guideline or code of practice issued under this Section, shall be adopted and published in such manner, as the Authority considers appropriate for bringing the contents thereof to the attention of persons likely to be affected by them.

## **10.0 Temporary Control of Newspaper Services in Public Interest**

- 10.1 In the event of an emergency where the sovereignty, security, and territorial integrity of Bhutan or any part thereof is threatened by an act of external aggression or armed rebellion, the Government may by notification, in public interest, take over for a limited period the control and management of any newspaper service, suspend its operation or entrust any agency of the Government to manage it in the manner directed by the Government for such period as provided for in the notification.
- 10.2 Any take-over contemplated under 10.1 above shall only last for such duration as may be strictly necessary having regard to the exigencies of the situation. As soon as the public emergency ceases, the Government shall return the control and management of the newspaper service to the person from whom it had been taken over, as far as possible in the same condition in which it had been taken over.

## **11.0 Miscellaneous**

- 11.1 The Newspaper shall be printed and published within Bhutan and distributed nation-wide.

- 11.2 No company or person shall import or possess for sale or distribution to the public within Bhutan any unauthorised foreign newspaper.
- 11.3 The Government may, if it is so satisfied, declare a newspaper published outside Bhutan to be detrimental to the interests of the sovereignty, security, unity and integrity of Bhutan, or detrimental to the interests of peace, stability and well-being of the nation. Any such declaration shall be made in writing and shall only take effect after it is duly published.
- 11.4 For the purpose of any proceedings under the Regulations, a newspaper shall be presumed, unless the contrary is proved, to have been printed or published at the place, if any, at which it is stated in any printing thereon to have been printed or published, as the case may be.
- 11.5 No suit or other legal proceeding whatsoever shall lie against any public servant or any person acting in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations in respect of anything which is done in good faith or intended to be done under the Regulations.
- 11.6 There shall be paid out of money provided by the Ministry of Finance any administrative expenses incurred by the Ministry in consequence of the provisions of the Regulations.
- 11.7 There shall be established a Press Fund, administered by the Authority, for the purpose of maintaining and promoting diversity of the press, in so far as this is in the interest of information provision and opinion-forming. The Authority may grant the publisher of a press product financial support for such press product within the limits of the amounts set by the Minister.

## **12.0 Offences and Penalties**

Offences and penalties, including fines, for violation of the Regulations by the licensee, shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Penal Code and other relevant laws, as applicable.

## **13.0 Transitional Provisions**

- 13.1 The Regulations shall remain effective until such time the Bhutan Information, Communications and Media Act ("the Act") is enacted by the National Assembly.

13.2 Any licence, permit, certificate or any other authorisation regarding any newspaper issued under the Regulations shall be modified or repealed on commencement of the Act in 13.1 above.

**Annexure A-1: Form of Application for a Newspaper Publishing Licence**

To:

The Director  
Bhutan Information, Communications and Media Authority  
Thimphu

**Personal Details**

1. Name of the applicant: .....
2. Address (including e-mail and Web address) and telephone and facsimile numbers:  
.....  
.....
3. (a) In relation to the book and/or newspaper for which you are seeking a publishing licence, are you the [tick as appropriate]:  
 publisher;  owner;  owner and publisher.  
(b) If not the owner, name and address of the owner:  
.....  
.....
4. (a) Are you [tick as appropriate]:  an individual;  a company;  a firm;  other  
(b) If a company, firm or 'other', give full details, including names and addresses of directors/partners/beneficial owners:  
.....  
.....  
(c) The name and residential address (including e-mail and Web address) and telephone and facsimile numbers of the owner of publishing house:  
.....  
.....  
(d) Date of birth/Date and number of incorporation of the owner, where applicable:  
.....  
.....  
(e) Registered address of the publishing house:  
.....  
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(f) The name, address, title and date of birth of the responsible director, where applicable:

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.....

(g) The name of the printing press which prints publications for the publishing house if it does not possess its own printing press:

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.....

(h) If the publishing house is a share-holding company, the names with the name and address of each board member, consultative bodies, and the capital of the company [A copy of the Articles of Association of the Company and of its constitution shall also be deposited]:

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.....

**Details of the Newspaper to be published**

5. Name of the proposed Newspaper: .....

6. Address from where it will be published:  
.....  
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7. Address from where it will be printed:  
.....  
.....

Internet-Web address (where applicable)

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8. Language in which it will be published: .....

9. Periodicity of publication, where applicable: .....

10. Approximate number of pages per issue: .....

11. Name, address (including e-mail and Web address) and telephone and facsimile numbers and nationality of the Editor-in-Chief:

.....

12. Approximate number of employees likely to be employed:

(a) Journalists: .....

(b) Others: .....

13. (a) Will the newspaper have any tie-ups (editorial or financial) with any other newspaper: Yes/No



(b) If 'yes', give details:

.....  
.....

14. What percentage of the newspaper will be devoted to advertising  
.....

15. How many copies of the newspaper will be printed for each issue: .....

**Declaration and undertaking**

I hereby declare that the statements made, and the information given above, are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I undertake to inform the Bhutan Information, Communications and Media Authority immediately if any change occurs to the information given above between the signing of this declaration and the grant of the publishing licence.

I also undertake to abide by all the applicable laws, regulations and rules of Bhutan as well as all the requirements and conditions specified by the Authority in relation to my Publishing Licence.

I am enclosing the following [tick as appropriate]:

- a fee of Nu. 3,000/5,000/10,000 by Demand Draft No. .... Dt. ... on Bank of Bhutan;
- a copy of the detailed business plan for the newspaper to be published;
- a copy of the dummy edition of the newspaper to be published.

Date: .....

Signature of the Applicant: .....

**Annexure A-2: Surety Bond**

Name of the Applicant (Proprietor): .....

Name of the Newspaper Company (where applicable): .....

Name of the Editor (where applicable): .....

Name of the Surety (where applicable)

1. ....

2. ....

Address (including e-mail and Web address) and telephone and facsimile numbers of the Applicant:

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.....

City: ..... District: .....

Telephone: Home ..... Work .....

Address (including e-mail and Web address) and telephone and facsimile numbers of Surety 1 (where applicable):

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City: ..... District: .....

Telephone: Home ..... Work .....

Address (including e-mail and Web address) and telephone and facsimile numbers of Surety 2 (where applicable):

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City: ..... District: .....

Telephone: Home ..... Work .....

By signing this form/bond, I/We hereby acknowledge that I/We understood the implications of non-payment of any penalties that I/We may be liable to pay to the Bhutan Information, Communications and Media Authority in the event of my/our violation of any provision of any applicable law or the Regulations for the time-being in force.

By signing this form/bond, I/We declare and undertake to be bound and to pay the full amount of penalties that would be legally imposed by the Authority for any violation made by me/us or my/our authorized representative(s) of any provision of any applicable law or the Regulations for the time-being in force.

By signing this form/bond, I/We declare that the above information is true and correct.

By signing this form/bond, I/We give my/our unqualified authorization to the Authority to execute this bond before any appropriate forum in case I/We or my/our authorized representative(s) fail to pay the penalties imposed by the Authority for violation of any provision of any applicable law or the Regulations for the time-being in force.

I/We hereby declare that the statements made and the information given above are true to the best of my/or knowledge and belief. I/We undertake to inform the Bhutan Information, Communications and Media Authority immediately if there occurs any change to the information given above after signing this surety.

Proprietor Applicant’s signature: ..... Date: .....

Authorized signatory of the newspaper company (where applicable): .....  
Date: .....

Editor’s signature (where applicable): ..... Date: .....

By signing this form/bond, I/We hereby acknowledge that I/We understood the implications of non-payment of any penalties that I/We may be liable to pay (as surety) to the Bhutan Information, Communications and Media Authority in the event of the Applicant Proprietor/Newspaper Publishing Company or the Editor’s violation (as the case may be) of any provision of any applicable law or the Regulations for the time-being in force.

By signing this form/bond, I/We declare and undertake to be bound and to pay the full amount of penalties that would be legally imposed by the Authority and recoverable from the Applicant Proprietor (and/or the Newspaper Publishing Company or the Editor, as the case may be) for any violation made by the Applicant Proprietor (and/or Newspaper Publishing Company or the Editor, as the case may be) or his/its authorized representative(s) of any provision of any applicable law or the Regulations for the time-being in force.

By signing this form/bond, I/We declare that the above information is true and correct.

By signing this form/bond, I/We give my/our unqualified authorization to the Authority to execute this bond in part or in full before any appropriate forum in case the Applicant Proprietor (and/or Newspaper Publishing Company or the Editor, as the case may be) or his/its authorized representative(s) fail to pay the penalties imposed by the Authority for violation of any provision of any applicable law or the Regulations for the time-being in force.

By signing this form/bond, I/We also agree to be bond jointly and severally for all consequences arising out of the Applicant's non-payment of the legally imposed penalties by the Authority.

I/We hereby declare that the statements made and the information given above are true to the best of my/or knowledge and belief. I/We undertake to inform the Bhutan Information, Communications and Media Authority immediately if there occurs any change to the information given above after signing this surety.

Surety's signature:

- 1. .... Date: .....
- 2. .... Date: .....

Witness' signature:

- 1. .... Date: .....
- 2. .... Date: .....

(Letter Head of the Authority)  
**Annexure A-3: Form of a Publishing Licence**

Licence No. ....

Date .....

This is to certify that ..... of .....  
is hereby licensed to publish a newspaper in the name and style of .....  
in the ..... language(s), and to have it distributed within Bhutan.

This licence shall remain valid between the ..... day of ..... Two Thousand  
..... and the ..... day of ..... Two Thousand  
....., unless revoked and/or cancelled earlier.

This licence is not valid for the publication of the said newspaper from any address other than that listed above.

This certificate is not transferable, and must be surrendered to the Bhutan information, Communications and Media Authority as soon as the person mentioned above ceases to publish the said newspaper, or, where the licence is revoked and/or cancelled by the Authority, as soon as he/it receives notification of the revocation and/or cancellation.

Signature .....

Date.....

Director

**Bhutan Information, Communications and Media Authority**

(Seal of the Authority)

**Annexure A-4: Receipt of Deposit of Newspaper**

Nature of the printed material(s):  
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Identification of the printed material(s):  
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Name of the publisher(s):  
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Registered address of the publisher(s):  
.....

Name of the author and/or translator, where applicable:  
.....

Name of the importer, where applicable:  
.....

Number of copies:  
.....

Under the requirement of Section 3.7 of the Regulations, the materials, details of which are mentioned hereinabove, has/have been deposited with the Authority.

Signature ..... Date.....  
Director  
Bhutan Information, Communications and Media Authority

(Seal of the Authority)

**Annexure A-5: Form of Annual Statement for a Newspaper Publisher**

Statement for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January ..... to 31<sup>st</sup> December .....

1. Name of the newspaper: .....
2. Language of publication: .....
3. Place of publication: .....
4. Name and address (including e-mail and Web address) and telephone and facsimile numbers of the publisher:  
.....  
.....
5. Name and address (including e-mail and Web address) and telephone and facsimile numbers of the editor: .....
6. Periodicity of the newspaper: .....
7. (a) Have there been any changes to the periodicity of the newspaper during the period relating to this statement? Yes/No [delete as appropriate]  
  
(b) If 'yes', give details .....
8. (a) Has there been any interruption to the publication of the newspaper during the period relating to this statement? Yes/No [delete as appropriate]  
  
(b) If 'yes', give details and the reasons for the interruption .....  
.....  
.....
9. (a) Has there been any change in the Editorship of the newspaper during the period relating to this statement? Yes/No [delete as appropriate]  
  
(b) If 'yes', give details and relevant dates .....  
.....
10. Month-wise break-up of the number of copies of the newspaper printed during the period relating to this statement:  
  
January .....  
  
February .....

March .....  
April .....  
May .....  
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