

NATIONAL LIBRARY REGULATIONS 1997

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THE NATIONAL LIBRARY ACT

**Regulations made by the Minister under section 17
of the National Library Act**

1. These regulations may be cited as the National Library Regulations 1997.
2. (a) Every printer shall deposit with the Director 6 copies of the whole of any book printed by him in Mauritius.
 - (b) (i) Every printer shall deposit with the Director 6 copies of any subsequent edition of the book specified in paragraph (a), whether the book is in a trade edition, or a deluxe edition, in hard cover, in pocket format, in braille, in tape or disc or in the form of a talking book.
 - (ii) Every such subsequent edition of a book shall be produced with any additions or alterations, whether the same shall be in letterpress, lithography, xerography (printed electronically), inkjet printing, electrostatic gravure, flexography or screen process printing.
 - (c) Every printer shall, together with every book specified in paragraphs (a) and (b), deposit with the Director all maps, prints or other engravings pertaining to the book, and such maps, prints or other engraving shall be finished and coloured in the same manner as the best copies of the book.
 - (d) Every printer shall, within 30 days after the day on which a book first issues from the press, deposit with the Director a copy of that book notwithstanding -
 - (i) and the first edition of the book has been produced before or after the commencement of these regulations;
 - (ii) any other agreement between the printer and the publisher.
 - (e) A publisher or other person employing a printer shall, within 30 days from the day on which a book first issues from the press, supply the printer with finished and coloured maps, prints, and engravings in order to enable the printer to comply with the requirements of paragraph (c).
 - (f) A printer shall ensure that copies of books which are deposited with the Director are bound, secured or stitched together and are upon the best paper on which the same is printed, engraved or otherwise processed.
 - (g) A printer shall deposit a book with the Director as required by these regulations, free of charge, claim or demand, and shall mention the price at which the book is sold to the public at the time of its publication.

- (h) Where a book is printed in a deluxe edition and a trade edition shall simultaneously, a printer shall deposit one deluxe edition together with 5 trade edition copies.
 - (i) The Director shall, upon delivery of copies of books under these regulations, give a receipt in writing for the copies so received.
 - (j) (i) A printer who contravenes these regulations shall commit an offence and shall, upon conviction, be liable to a fine of 1000 rupees, or, where the offence relates to the failure to deposit a book, to 1000 rupees in respect of each book not deposited.
 - (ii) The Court shall, upon conviction for an offence relating to the failure to deposit a book, order the printer to deposit 6 copies of the book or such other number of books as ought to but have not been deposited in accordance with these regulations or order him to pay the commercial value of the 6 or other number of copies, as the case may be.
3. (a) Every printer and every publisher shall keep and make available for inspection by the Director or his representative within reasonable working hours -
- (i) a register of books printed or published by him;
 - (ii) a list of all his other publications.
- (b) Every printer shall, in respect of any book printed by him, furnish to the Director a statement containing the following particulars-
- (i) the title of the book and the contents of the title pages;
 - (ii) the language in which the book is written
 - (iii) the name of the author, translator or editor of the book or of any part thereof, notwithstanding that the author is using a pseudonym;
 - (iv) the subject-matter of the book;
 - (v) the name and address of the printer and the date of issue from the press;
 - (vi) the number of sheets, leaves or pages;
 - (vii) the size;
 - (viii) the edition whether first or subsequent
 - (ix) the number of copies of the same edition;
 - (x) the price at which the book is sold to the public and;
 - (xi) the date of copyright, if any;

(xii) the international Standards Book Number (ISBN), where applicable;

(xiii) the name and residence of the proprietor of the copyright.

4. (a) Where a printer, publisher, or editor-

(i) starts a business;

(ii) sells or transfers his plant;

(iii) retires from business; or

(iv) changes the place where his business is run.

he shall notify the Director in writing within 15 days of the event.

(b) A notification under paragraph (a), shall contain a true and precise description of the place where the business is being run.

(c) A printer, publisher, or editor who contravenes this regulation shall commit an offence and shall upon conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding 1000 rupees.

5. (a) A printer shall deposit, free of charge with the Director 6 copies of every issue (whether ordinary, extraordinary or special) of a newspaper, periodical or other serial publication that is offered for sale or distributed freely to the public within 24 hours after its publication.

(b) The printer of every newspaper, periodical, or other serial publication shall furnish to the Director a statement containing the following particulars -

(i) the title of publication;

(ii) the language in which the publication is published;

(iii) periodicity of the publication;

(iv) the name of the editor, printer, and publisher of the publication;

(v) the places of printing and publication;

(vi) the number of days of publication during the year;

(vii) the average number of copies printed and the average number of copies distributed free to the public;

(viii) the retail selling price per copy;

(ix) the names and addresses of the proprietors of the publication and such other particulars relating to ownership as may be required;

(x) the International Standard Serial Number (ISSN), where

applicable.

(c) The Director shall keep a Register of Journals in which shall be recorded every newspaper/periodical or serial publications, delivered to him under paragraphs (a) and (b).

(d) A printer who contravenes this regulation shall commit an offence and shall upon conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding 1000 rupees or where the offence relates to the failure to deposit a copy of an issue, to 1000 rupees in respect of each copy not deposited.

6 (a) Where a non-print material including publications of microfilms, sound or visual recordings, multimedia kits, published scripts of plays is -

i) publicly performed; or

(ii) publicly offered for sale,

the producer shall, within 30 days of the day on which such material was publicly performed or offered for sale, deposit with the Director 6 copies of the material.

(b) Every producer shall keep and make available for inspection by the Director or his representative, during reasonable working hours, a register of non-print materials produced by him.

(c) the Director shall, upon delivery of copies of non-print materials under paragraph (a), give a receipt in writing for the copies so received.

(d) The Director shall keep a Register of non-print materials.

(e) A producer who contravenes these regulations shall commit an offence and shall upon conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding 1000 rupees or, where the offence relates to the failure to deposit a copy of the material, to 1000 rupees in respect of each copy of the material not deposited.

7. (a) These regulations shall apply to works published by, and at the expense of, the public authorities, and issued in any medium, for use by the general public or for limited circulation among the public.

(b) These regulations shall not apply to works meant for official use only.

Made by the Minister on 23 October 1997