

**NATIONAL MEDIA COMMISSION (NEWSPAPER AND PUBLICATION  
REGISTRATION) INSTRUMENT, 2002 (LI 1713).**

IN exercise of the powers conferred on the National Media Commission by Article 167 (d) of the Constitution, this Instrument is made this 13th day of September 2002.

**Section 1—Registration of Newspapers and Publications**

(1) Any newspaper or any publication which is printed in the country, shall be registered with the Commission by its proprietor.

(2) An importer or representative of a newspaper or publication printed outside the country shall register its newspaper or publication with the Commission where the importer or representative intends to import the newspaper or publication into the country.

**Section 2—Form of Application**

An application for registration shall be as specified in Form 1 in the Schedule to this Instrument.

**Section 3—Registration**

(1) An applicant shall pay a registration fee of ₪100,000.00 or such sum as may be determined by the Commission from time to time.

(2) An application to the Commission for registration shall be accompanied by detailed curriculum vitae of the editor, publisher and owner of the newspaper.

**Section 4—Certificate of Registration**

Upon registration of a newspaper or publication under this Instrument, the Commission shall issue to the applicant a certificate of registration as specified in Form 2 in the Schedule to this Instrument.

**Section 5—Renewal of Registration**

(1) Registration shall be valid for one year and is renewable annually by an application to the Commission.

(2) A person may apply to the Commission for a renewal of registration not later than thirty days before the expiry of the registration or of a previous renewal.

(3) There shall be paid for the annual renewal a fee of ₪100,000 or such sum as the Commission shall determine.

**Section 6—Editions to be Deposited**

A registered newspaper or publication shall deposit two copies of each edition or issue with the Commission.

**Section 7—Submission of Quarterly Returns**

A registered newspaper or publication shall after every four months inform the Commission of changes in

- (a) ownership,
- (b) editorship,
- (c) address, telephone and fax numbers.
- (d) circulation figures, with an analysis explanatory of these figures.

**Section 8—Transitional Provisions**

Any person who owns or prints a newspaper or publication shall within thirty days of the coming into force of this Instrument apply to the Commission for the registration of the newspaper or publication.

**Section 9—Offence**

A person who fails to register a newspaper or publication in accordance with this Instrument commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding 250 penalty units or a term of imprisonment not exceeding 12 months or to both.

**Section 10—Interpretation**

In this Instrument, unless the context otherwise requires  
"Commission" means the National Media Commission;  
"publication" means publication for mass communication.

**SCHEDULE**

**FORM I**

**Application for Registration of a Newspaper/Publication**

- 1. Name of applicant: .....
- 2. Name of newspaper/ publication: .....
- 3. Head Office: .....
- 4. Postal address: .....

5. Telephone & fax numbers (if any):

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6. Name of publisher:

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7. Name of editor:

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8. Date of first publication:

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9. Frequency of publication:

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10. Annual circulation figures:

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11. Price of newspaper/publication:

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12. Ownership (specify type of ownership):

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Declaration by the applicant(s):

We/I.....hereby apply for registration under the National Media Commission Act, 1993 (Act 449) and declare the above particulars to be true and correct and agree to notify the National Media Commission of any material alteration in the foregoing information as soon as practicable thereafter.

Date:.....

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Signature:

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Publisher:

Editor:.....

## FORM II

### CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION AS A NEWSPAPER/PUBLICATION

I hereby certify that ..... has been duly registered as a newspaper/publication by the Commission under the terms of the National Media Commission Act, 1993 (Act 449).

Given in Accra by the seal of the Commission this .....day  
of.....

NUTIFAFU KUENYEHIA

Chairman, National Media Commission

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