

# CHAPTER P7 - PRINTING PRESSES (REGULATION) LAW

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## PRINTING PRESSES (REGULATION) LAW

A Law for the regulation of printing presses and of books and papers printed in the State.

[NN 1963, Cap. 99, KWS LN 1 of 1982.]

[Date of commencement: 22nd September, 1933]

### 1. Short title

This Law may be cited as the Printing Presses (Regulation) Law.

### 2. Interpretation

Definitions—

"book" includes any volume, part or division of a volume, or any collection of printed sheets of paper or similar material bound together;

"paper" includes any printed sheet of paper or similar material or any unbound collection of printed sheets of paper or similar material;

"printed", as applied to books and papers, means produced by printing, lithography, or any other like process, and "printing" and "printer" have corresponding meanings.

### 3. Keeper of printing press to make declaration

(1) No person shall keep in his possession within the State any press for the printing of books or papers who shall not have made and subscribed within the State the following declaration before a Magistrate or District Judge:

"I, A.B., declare that I have a press for printing at ....."

and this last blank shall be filled up with a true and precise description of the place where such press is situate.

(2) As often as the place where such press is kept is changed a new declaration shall be made.

(3) It shall be the duty of the Magistrate upon receiving any declaration made as aforesaid to deal with the same as prescribed by regulations made under the provisions of this Law.

(4) Any person who shall keep in his possession any such press without making such declaration as is prescribed by subsection (1) in respect of such press shall be liable to a fine of one hundred naira or to imprisonment for a term of six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(5) For the purposes of this section the occupier of any premises in which any such press is found shall be deemed to have kept the same in his possession, unless he proves the contrary.

(6) Any person who shall, in making any such declaration as aforesaid, make a statement which is false, and which he either knows or believes to be false, or does not believe to be true, shall be liable to the punishment prescribed by subsection (4).

#### **4. Printed book or paper to bear name of printer and publisher**

(1) Every book or paper printed within the State which shall be intended for publication or dispersal shall bear upon the front page, if the same be printed on one side

only, or upon the first or last leaf of every book or paper which shall consist of more than one leaf, in legible characters in the English language the name and address of the printer and (if the book or paper be published) of the publisher and the place of publication.

(2) Nothing in this section contained shall be taken to repeal, alter, or in any way affect the provisions of section 9 of the Newspapers Law as regards the particulars required by the said section to be printed on newspapers.

[Cap. N1.]

(3) Any person who shall print or publish any book or paper in contravention of the provisions of this section shall be liable to a fine of one hundred naira or to imprisonment for a term of six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

## **5. Power to make regulations**

The Governor may make regulations—

- (a) for excluding any book or paper or any class of books or papers or any printing presses from the operation of the whole or any part of parts of this Law;
- (b) for the disposal, recording and registration of declarations made under section 3;
- (c) for the notification by owners of printing presses to a prescribed authority for the destruction or transfer of such presses;
- (d) generally for carrying any of the purposes or provisions of this Law into effect.

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## SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION

### *List of Subsidiary Legislation*

1. Printing Presses Regulations.

### **PRINTING PRESSES REGULATIONS**

[Section 5.]

[Regs. 38 of 1933, LN 131 of 1954, NR LN 120 of 1960.)

[Date of commencement: *28th September, 1933*]

1. These regulations may be cited as the Printing Presses Regulations.
2. The provisions of the Printing Presses (Regulation) Law shall not apply to the books and papers mentioned in the Schedule hereto.

[Schedule.]

3. The provisions of the Law shall not apply to any press kept by the Government of Nigeria or of any State or by any local government.
4. The Commissioner of Police shall be the prescribed authority for the purposes of these regulations.
5. Every Magistrate or District Judge before whom a declaration is made and subscribed under section 3 of the Law shall forward the same to the prescribed authority.
6. Where two or more presses are kept on the same premises, the number of presses so kept shall be inserted in the declaration.
7. The prescribed authority shall keep a register of all such declarations received by him in such form as he shall deem advisable, and such declaration shall be filed in his office.
8. Whenever a press, in respect of which a declaration is required to be made under

section 3 of the Law is destroyed or becomes permanently unfit for further use, the owner thereof shall report to the prescribed authority the date on which and the cause or causes by reason of which such press came to be destroyed or permanently unfit for further use. The prescribed authority shall then cause such press to be struck off the register.

9. Whenever a press is sold or transferred to a new owner, the former owner shall within

fourteen days of the sale or transfer report to the prescribed authority the date on which and the name and address of the person to whom such press was sold or transferred. The prescribed authority shall then enter the details of such sale or transfer in the register.

10. Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of regulations 8 and 9 shall on conviction be liable to a fine of one hundred naira.

11. Every police officer of or above the rank of assistant superintendent and every administrative officer may at any time between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. visit any premises in which a press, in respect of which a declaration has been made under section 3 of the Law, is kept, for the purpose of seeing that the provisions of the Law and of these regulations have been carried out.

Provided that two days' notice in writing of any such intended visit shall be given to the owner or occupier of the premises on which such press is kept.

## SCHEDULE

[Reg. 2.]

- (a) Books and papers printed by the Government of Kwara State or any local government council.
- (b) Impressions of engravings.

- (c)* Papers bearing only the name, or the name and address, or business or profession, of any person and the articles in which he deals.
- (d)* Papers for the sale of estates or goods by auction or otherwise.
- (e)* Bills of exchange and promissory notes.
- (f)* Bonds and other securities for the payment of money.
- (g)* Bills of lading, policies of insurance, letters of attorney, deeds, agreements, transfers or assignments of any public stocks, funds, or other securities, transfers or assignments of the stocks of any public corporation or company authorised or sanctioned by an Act or Law.
- (h)* Dividend warrants of or for such public or other stocks, funds or securities.
- (i)* Receipts for money or goods.
- (j)* Any proceeding in any court of law, warrants, orders and other papers printed by the authority of any public body or officer in the execution of the duties of their respective offices.