



CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S RESOLUTION NO. (30) of 2017 ON MEDIA ACTIVITIES LICENSES

Chairman of the Board of the National Media Center,,,

- After reviewing the Federal Law No. (1) of 1972, on the functions of the ministries, and the authorities of the ministers and its amendments,
- The Federal Law No. (15) of 1980, on the publications and publishing,
- The Federal Law No. (11) of 2016 on organizing and functions of the National Media Council,
- The Federal Law No. (14) of 2016 on the administrative violations and penalties in the Federal Government,
- The Cabinet's resolution No. (17) of 1999, amending the Cabinet's resolution No. (8) of 1999, on the fees for licensing issuance of new magazines,
- The Cabinet's resolution No. (23) of 2015, and its amendments on the organizational structure of the National Media Council,
- The Cabinet's resolution No. (39) of 2016, on the media service fees in the free zones,
- The Cabinet's resolution No. (19) of 2017, on the fees prescribed on the media services,
- The Cabinet's resolution No. (22) of 2017, on the licenses of media activities,
- The Cabinet's resolution No. (23) of 2017, on the media content,

And for the work requirements , decides as follows :

CHAPTER One DEFINITIONS AND SCOPE OF Application ARTICLE (1)

Upon applying the provisions of this resolution, the following expressions and words shall have the meanings explained next to each of them, unless the context requires otherwise:

State (UAE)	United Arab Emirates.
Council	National Media Council
Chairman	Chairman of the Board
Director General	Director General of the National Media Center
Authority	Telecommunications And Digital Government Regulatory



	Authority (TDRA)
Media Activities	Any activities related to producing, transmitting, broadcasting, distributing and sending read, digital, audio and video information through media, including the journalistic activities, publications, visual and audio broadcasting, cinematic films and any other related activities decided by the Council.
Media Means	The media means used for transmitting any of the media activities of different types and forms, including the electronic means or any other IT means.
E-Media	The e-media practiced through the electronic publications, tools and means.
Person	The natural or legal person.
Printed Matter	Any writing, drawing, music piece, photo, or other expression means in any material, whether it is read, audio, or video, if it is negotiable by any means, including the electronic, digital or any other technological means.
Media Content	Any information, explicit, implicit, direct or indirect messages, included or indicated in the printed matter of any type, whatever may be, directly broadcast, or recorded and then broadcast, or re-broadcast, or delivered to the audience by any means, including, without being limited to, performance, showing, films, drama, plays, advertisements and others.
License	The permission issued by the Council permitting the practice of the media activity according to the provisions of this resolution.
Licensee	The person obtaining the license according to the provisions of this resolution.
Facility	The establishment, company or any other entity practicing the media activity.
Radio and TV Activity	Every TV or radio process broadcast to the audience or certain categories thereof, signals, sounds or writings of any type, whatever they may be, through channels, waves, transmitting devices and other techniques, means and methods of broadcasting or transmission.
Foreign Printed Matter (publications)	A printed matter licensed and circulated outside the United Arab Emirates in a periodical capacity and in regular or irregular dates.



Annex	What is annexed to the printed matter of addition, such as those related to health, culture, sport, and advertisements or others.
Correspondent	The accredited representative of the foreign printed matter (publication) the United Arab Emirates, according to this resolution.
Filming (Photographing) Permit	The permission issued by the Council that permits practicing filming (photographing) according to the provisions of this resolution.

ARTICLE (2)

- This resolution. shall be applicable to all the media activities licensed by the Council.
- It is prohibited to practice any media activity, but after the issuance of a resolution approving granting of the license according to laws, regulations and this resolution.

Chapter Two CONDITIONS OF THE LICENSEE ARTICLE (3)

Without prejudice to the related legislations, the following requirements shall be met by the UAE citizen to be eligible for obtaining the license according to the provisions of this resolution:

- 1- His age shall be not less than (25) years. The condition of age can be exempted by a decision by the Council according to the nature of activity.
- 2- To be of a good conduct and reputation.
- 3- Not to be convicted for an honor or honesty breaching crime, unless rehabilitated or an amnesty for him is issued by the competent authority.
- 4- He should be holding the academic qualification decided by the Council according to the nature of activity.
- 5- The special conditions of the requested activity shall be satisfied by the license applicant.
- 6- He shall not have suspended or cancelled a license issued to him, or a facility annexed to him had been closed, or had been prevented from practicing media activity, unless the reasons of issuing the decision of judgment have been removed, as the case may be.



- 7- No financial dues are payable by him to the Council.
- 8- Any conditions, requirements, or controls decided by the Council or required by the nature of the media activity requested to be licensed.

ARTICLE (4)

Without prejudice to the provisions of the related legislations, the following requirements shall be met by the legal person, to be eligible for obtaining the license according to the provisions of this resolution:

- 1- No financial dues are payable by the person or company to the Council.
- 2- The age of the representatives of the legal person or the partners, if it is a company, shall be not less than (25) years. The condition of age can be exempted by a decision by the Council.
- 3- The company shall be founded according to the legislations prevailing in the United Arab Emirates, provided that no violations have be imposed on it by the legal or control authorities in the United Arab Emirates.
- 4- The media activity shall be within the activities permitted by its objectives.
- 5- Compliance with the instructions and controls for practicing the media activities.

ARTICLE (5)

GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL States

Without prejudice to the provisions of the related legislations, the license shall be granted according to the provisions of this resolution to the citizens of the Gulf Cooperation Council States. The following requirements shall be met by the applicant:

- 1- To fulfil the conditions stipulated for the citizens of the United Arab Emirates, and those mentioned in article (3) here above.
- 2- To sign an undertaking that he is not prevented from practicing any media activity, similar to the license he is applying for in his state.
- 3- The license application shall be in the fields permitted to be practiced. These activities shall not include the following:
 - ✓ Establishment of the printing presses and publishing houses.
 - ✓ Publishing newspapers and magazines.



ARTICLE (6)

Observing the provisions of the related legislations, it is permitted to grant the media license for the companies that are established according to the legislations circulated in any of the Gulf Cooperation Council countries, according to the following conditions:

- 1- The conditions stipulated in article (5) above shall be fulfilled.
- 2- No financial dues in the quittance of person or company shall be owed to the Council.
- 3- The age of the partners, if it was a company, shall not be less than (25) years. The condition of age can be exempted by a decision from the Council.
- 4- The company shall be founded according to the legislations circulated in the Gulf Cooperative Countries Council.
- 5- Its headquarter shall be in the state, in which it has a branch therein.
- 6- The media activity shall be within the activities that its objectives permit doing so.

CHAPTER THREE CONDITIONS OF LICENSE APPLICATION ARTICLE (7)

The license application shall be submitted to the Council according to the e-forms prepared for this purpose, subject to the following:

1. Registration in the e-system by entering the data of the UAE I.D. Card of the applicant , in whose name the license shall be issued.
2. Filling out the form of issuing a new license.
3. A copy of the passport, extract of family record (Khulasat Al Qayed) and identity card for the citizen, plus two (2) personal photos of the license applicant.
4. Passport, ID card and two (2) personal photos for the citizens of the Gulf Cooperation Council states, if the applicant is a company.
5. A copy of the academic qualification of the license applicant (according to the nature of activity).
6. The trade name of the facility, provided not to violate the provisions of the legislations and the public order in the UAE, and not to be identical or similar to any other name, which may cause confusion.



7. Determining the place, wherein it is intended to practice the media activity subject of the license.
8. Settling the prescribed financial fees (as applicable in this regard).
9. Submitting the required financial guarantee, if the activities require the same.
10. Any other data or studies requested by the Council.

ARTICLE (8)

In case of applying for a media license related to newspapers, radio or T.V. broadcasting, printing presses, or publishing houses, the availability of a feasibility study, and a work plan for the license shall be a must , the capital amount shall be determined , and the ratio of Emiratization, and the local content decided by the Council annually shall be adhered to , the targeted category and the content of the requested license shall be identified.

ARTICLE (9) LICENSE RENEWAL

The license applicant, or his legal representative , may submit the media license renewal application to the Council thirty days prior to the expiration of the license through the e-system, according to the forms prepared for this purpose, subject to compliance with the following:

- 1- Filling out the renewal application form by the license holder, or his legal representative, attaching the documents supporting the same with the application.
- 2- Providing evidences showing validity of the requested documents and papers when issuing the license.
- 3- Settling the prescribed fees.

ARTICLE (10)

All the applications for issuing or renewing media licenses on the date of submitting them shall be fulfilling the requirements and attachments. The applications that do not fulfil the same shall not be accepted nor considered, unless exempted by the Council in some cases. In such cases, the justifications of this exemption shall be stated.



CHAPTER FOUR

Instructions and Controls for Practicing Media Activities

ARTICLE (11)

Upon practicing the license granted to him, the holder of the license shall observe the following controls:

- 1- Abide by the issued license, and never perform any amendments thereon, but after referring back to the Council.
- 2- The media means shall top up and deposit the financial guarantees requested by it within one month from the date of being requested by the Council.
- 3- The heirs of the license holder shall notify the Council about the death of the person in whose name the license was issued within two months from date of the death, otherwise the license shall be considered cancelled as from that date.
- 4- Each license applicant shall assume full legal liability for the accuracy of all the data mentioned in the license application. However, in case it is proved that such data are not accurate, the Council may cancel the license and the paid fees shall not be refunded to him in this case.
- 5- All the applicants of media licenses shall implement all the instructions notified to them by the Council, such as the resolutions related to practicing the activity licensed therein, within the date assigned by the Council.
- 6- Compliance with the standards of media and advertising content stipulated by the laws and regulations.
- 7- Respecting the orientations of the United Arab Emirates to enhance its national identity and involving the citizens in the media business market.
- 8- Respecting the ethical principles in the media work, including the privacy and the right of the audience to access to the information and interact with the media field.
- 9- Applying the highest sophisticated occupational and ethical standards in its work to maintain the quality of the media outputs.
- 10- Resorting to the legal channels available in the United Arab Emirates to reach to solutions to the issues and problems.
- 11- Renewing the licenses within the prescribed dates, otherwise they shall be considered as cancelled.
- 12- Complying with the instructions issued by the Council and the competent authorities in cases of emergency or crises.



- 13- Commitment to the standards, conditions and controls of the public interest.

CHAPTER FIVE DECIDING UPON THE APPLICATION ARTICLE (12)

The Council shall decide upon the application for issuing the license or renewing it within a period not exceeding thirty days from date of submitting the application that satisfies the conditions and provisions mentioned in this resolution. However , the Council may postpone deciding upon the application in any of the following cases:

- 1- If the legislations and related resolutions required the approval of other authorities, this will be postponed until those authorities decide upon the application.
- 2- If the nature of the media activity requested to be licensed requires longer period to consider the application.
- 3- Any other case assigned or approved by the Council.

ARTICLE (13)

Without prejudice to the functions of the Council stipulated by the laws, regulations and this resolution, the license holder shall obtain the approval of any other entities required by the laws and regulations.

ARTICLE (14)

It is prohibited for the license holder to practice the requested media activity, either directly or indirectly, unless the Council issues the license in the manner stipulated in this resolution.

ARTICLE (15) REJECTING THE LICENSE APPLICATION

The Council may reject the application for issuing the license or renewing it in any of the following cases:

- 1- Non-satisfaction of the conditions and requirements stipulated under the provisions of this resolution.



- 2- If the requested guarantees are not submitted according to the related legislations.
- 3- Disapproval of any of the other authorities that the legislations require their approval on the license.
- 4- Violating the instructions and controls for practicing the media activities stated under article (11) and any instructions and controls issued by the Council.

ARTICLE (16) **APPROVING THE LICENSE APPLICATION**

The Council shall issue the resolution of approving issuance of the license application or renewing it according to the forms prepared for this purpose, provided that the license issued by the Council shall include the following:

- 1- Name of the applicant.
- 2- Type of the media activity that the license permits to practice.
- 3- Validity start date or renewal of the license and the date of its expiration.
- 4- Address of the licensee for the purposes of notification and communications in all that is related to the license.
- 5- Any condition or prohibition related to the media activity.

ARTICLE (17) **NOTIFYING THE LICENSE APPLICANT**

- 1- The licensee shall be notified about the resolution of the Council in approving the license application through the e-system, e-mail, or any other means assigned by the Council.
- 2- The licensee shall notify the Council about any amendment or change incurred to the address stated in the license application. In case of non-compliance, the notification to the address assigned in the license application shall be considered a valid notification and producing its effect.

ARTICLE (18) **VALIDITY PERIOD OF THE LICENSE AND ITS RENEWAL**

- 1- The validity period of the license shall be one year, renewable for similar periods.



- 2- The license holder, or his legal representative may submit the application for renewing the media license to the Council thirty days prior to its expiry date within thirty days from the expiry date of the license through the e-system.
- 3- The license shall be considered null after the elapse of (30) thirty days from the expiry date of its validity period, unless it is renewed according to the provisions of this resolution.
- 4- The Council shall issue its approval on the license renewal application satisfying the provisions of this resolution.

ARTICLE (19) DISPOSAL OF THE LICENSE

- 1- The license shall be issued in the name of the applicant. He may not assign it totally or partially, in any manner whatsoever, i.e. rental, permission to use , investing, managing , or granting permission to any other person to dispose of it in any manner, unless after submitting an application and obtaining the approval of the Council.
- 2- The license assignment application shall be attached with the documents proving that the conditions stipulated in this resolution are satisfied by the assignee.

ARTICLE (20) OBLIGATIONS OF THE LICENSEE

The licensee and all those who represent him or work on his behalf shall comply with the provisions of this resolution and the legislations related thereto in the United Arab Emirates, as follows:

- 1- Adhering to the type of media activity, and all the conditions according to which the license is granted.
- 2- Obtaining prior approval from the Council on any amendment related to the license.
- 3- Offering any data or information requested by the Council.
- 4- Not violating the basic principles and standards of the media content mentioned in the legislations and the related resolutions.
- 5- Complying with the instructions and controls of practicing media activities elaborated by the Council.
- 6- Respecting the value of the community and observing the necessities of the public interest.



- 7- Settling the financial fees and dues and submitting the guarantees that are stipulated under the related legislations.
- 8- Submitting the license renewal application within the periods prescribed for the same.

ARTICLE (21) CANCELLING THE LICENSE

The licensee and all those who represent him or work on his behalf, shall comply with the following in case of desiring to cancel the media license:

- 1- Submission of the media license cancelation application.
- 2- Payment of the prescribed fees.
- 3- Providing a statement or documents supporting the license cancelation application from the competent authorities.

CHAPTER SIX E-MEDIA ARTICLE (22)

- 1- The Council shall take over the responsibility for organizing and licensing the e-media activities and all that is related thereto according to the provisions of this resolution, subject to coordination with the Authority regarding all that is related to the technical matters relevant thereto.
- 2- The official responsible for the e-media activities existing before the issuance of this resolution shall regularize their status in accordance with the provisions of this resolution and the instructions issued by the Council for this purpose, within a period not exceeding three months from the date of issuing this resolution.

ARTICLE (23)

The websites related to any of the following authorities shall be exempted from the provisions of article (22) hereof , provided that they comply with the decisions issued by the Council for organizing their works , namely; as follows:

- 1- The public schools, institutes, universities, and colleges.
- 2- Governmental entities, as related to the websites assigned for introducing their activities.
- 3- Any other entities determined by the Council.



CHAPTER SEVEN RADIO AND TV BROADCASTING ARTICLE (24)

The Council shall take the responsibility for organizing and licensing the Radio and TV broadcasting activities, and all that is related thereto, according to the provisions of this resolution, subject to coordination with the authority in all that is pertaining to the technical matters attributed to them, including allocating the frequencies and identifying the specifications of the devices and their usages.

ARTICLE (25) OBTAINING THE BROADCASTING LICENSE

Any person, not holding a broadcasting license from the Council is prohibited , to practice any of the Radio and TV services, including, without being limited to, using, operating, distributing broadcasting operating, re-broadcasting radio and TV service, installing devices, or establishing stations related thereto, as well as any other things related to radio and TV services.

ARTICLE (26) LICENSEES

Observing what is stipulated herein, the right of applying for obtaining the broadcasting license is exclusive for the legal persons.

ARTICLE (27) LICENSING AUTHORITIES

The Council shall be responsible for issuing the broadcasting licenses according to the provisions of the laws and regulations, and what is set forth in this resolution. The authority shall be responsible for licensing the technical aspects of the broadcasting activities, including the allocation of frequencies, and identifying the specifications of the supplies and their usages.



ARTICLE (28) DATA AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE APPLICATION

Without prejudicing what is stated herein, the application for obtaining the broadcasting license shall be submitted through the e-system, in accordance with the templates prepared by the Council for this purpose. The following shall be attached with the application:

- 1- The proposed name of the channel or station, its headquarter, and the language of broadcasting.
- 2- Detailed data about the applicant and his partners, if any, and his staff , their previous experiences, and detailed data about the financing resources.
- 3- Submitting a proof about the license applicant's financial validity and capability to cover the foundation expenses, especially the expenditures of the first year at least.
- 4- Submitting an economic feasibility study (Business Plan) by a competent authority according to the prevailing standards.
- 5- Technical, operational and programmatic plans when applying for issuance and renewal of the license.
- 6- Technical study including the types of the services the broadcasting activity will offer, the geographic area it will cover, and the technique used in offering such services, along with observing the importance of the accreditation by the Telecommunications and Digital Regulatory Authority of the technical specifications and the technologies used in broadcasting.
- 7- Providing a concept of the method for encouraging the UAE media cadres to join the work.
- 8- Assigning programs for supporting the national economy and development in the United Arab Emirates and explaining the policy of the United Arab Emirates in different fields.
- 9- Any other data and studies required by the Council.

ARTICLE (29) OBLIGATIONS OF THE LICENSEE AFTER RECEIVING THE LICENSE

Without prejudicing what is stipulated under article (11), the licensee, his legal representative, or the person acting on his behalf, shall comply with the following:



- 1- Nature of the Radio and TV programs determined as Program Genre in the license granted to him.
- 2- The frequency allocated to him by the Authority, and the range of geographic coverage assigned for broadcasting according to the technical standards determined for using the frequency.
- 3- Keeping a record including all the programs that the licensee broadcasted during twelve consecutive months, including the date and timing in which the broadcasting of these programs occurred, and permitting the Council to have access to such records anytime,
- 4- Not to use the devices and technologies available with him for any objectives other than those assigned for him in the broadcasting license.
- 5- Showing the logo of the station during the TV broadcasting, and announcing the name of the station and the used frequency during the hours of radio broadcasting.
- 6- Providing any data or information requested by the Council concerning the broadcasting activities.
- 7- Settling the license fees collectible by the Council whenever they are due.
- 8- The instructions issued in emergency cases or crises.
- 9- The conditions of the licenses, the provisions of the laws, regulations and instructions issued in their regards.
- 10- The instructions related to the programs, advertisements, and commercial propaganda content established by the Council.

CHAPTER EIGHT
LICENSING REPRINTING OR DISTRIBUTING FOREIGN RINTED
MATERIALS (PUBLICATIONS)
ARTICLE (30)

It is permitted to reprint or distribute any foreign printed material (publication), inside the United Arab Emirates, subject to obtaining a prior special license from the Council.

ARTICLE (31)

Without prejudicing what is stipulated herein, the following is stipulated for approving reprinting or distributing foreign newspapers in the United Arab Emirates:

- 1- Filling out the form for issuing a reprinting license through the e-system.



- 2- Settling the fees prescribed by the Council or any other related authority.
- 3- Submitting an evidence showing the approval of the newspaper owner or his legal representative on reprinting or distributing it inside the United Arab Emirates.
- 4- Presenting the license of the printed material (publication) in the state wherein it is issued, showing the start date and expiration date therein.
- 5- The application shall be attached with the documents and papers requested by the Council.

ARTICLE (32)

The issue of the newspaper to be printed or distributed shall be completely identical in terms of the written material, and media content to the issue printed in the city of the original publication, or shall be identical in terms of the written material, and media content, to the media content of the international issues, in case there are international issues being printed or distributed in (cities/states) other than the original city of publication.

ARTICLE (33)

Any advertisement bookings derived from the local market in the United Arab Emirates shall be booked through the Main Advertisements Department in the concerned newspaper. This booking shall include other issues of the newspaper printed outside the United Arab Emirates. It is not permitted to book advertisement spaces in the printed or distributed issue in the United Arab Emirates only.

ARTICLE (34)

The distributor, who is awarded the contract of distributing the newspaper inside the United Arab Emirates shall obtain a prior no-objection letter from the Council before starting executing the distribution contract. It is not permitted to subcontract any part of the works of distribution to third parties, unless after obtaining a prior written approval from the Council, except for the distribution outside the United Arab Emirates. Whenever requested, the distribution company shall provide the Council with details about the issues that are distributed inside the United Arab Emirates and outside it.



ARTICLE (35)

It is not permitted to distribute the foreign printed materials (publications) imported from abroad, unless through a licensed distributor after delivering an issue therefrom to the Office of the Council for approving its distribution inside the United Arab Emirates,

ARTICLE (36)

The distribution of the issues that are printed locally shall be according to the following:

- 1- Delivery to the offices, or houses through subscription.
- 2- The companies and establishments that are subscribed with large number of issues for the purpose of distributing them individually on the employees or clients, such as the hotels and airlines.....etc.
- 3- Retail sale market.
- 4- Outside the United Arab Emirates. In this case, it shall be subject to all the conditions and/or the regulations applicable in the concerned country.

ARTICLE (37)

The conditions to be satisfied for printing the foreign newspaper (newspaper or magazine) inside the free zones:

- 1- The application shall be submitted to the Council to obtain the permission for reprinting the newspaper, through the free zone authority after obtaining its approval.
- 2- Submitting an evidence on the approval of the newspaper's owner or his legal representative on reprinting or distributing it inside the free zone.
- 3- Settling the prescribed fees.

ARTICLE (38)

The issues printed inside the free zones shall be distributed within the geographic borders of the free zones licensed in the United Arab Emirates.



ARTICLE (39)

It is not permitted to distribute the foreign printed materials (publications) that are printed inside the free zones, unless through a distributor licensed by the Council, and after delivering five issues thereof to the office of the Council for approving their distribution inside the United Arab Emirates.

ARTICLE (40)

It is not permitted to print any printing material inside the United Arab Emirates for distribution in another country prior to obtaining a printing permission from the Council.

The application submitted by the printer for obtaining this permission shall contain the material intended to be printed, name of its owner, his capacity, nationality and place of his domicile.

CHAPTER NINE ADVERTISEMENTS ARTICLE (41)

Each advertisement in any media means, or in any of the advertising methods shall be licensed to the person or the entity to practice the work or activity declared on by the competent official authority. He shall submit an evidence showing approval of that entity on such advertisement.

ARTICLE (42)

It is necessary to obtain the approval of the competent governmental authorities (Federal or Local) and the concerned non-governmental entities determined by the Council before publishing the advertisements that the Council makes it mandatory to obtain their approval, according to a circular issued by it to the different media means.

ARTICLE (43)

No advertisement shall be accepted unless requested by an adult of legal age or by his legal representative.



CHAPTER TEN ISSUING THE SUPPLEMENTS ARTICLE (44)

The licensee may not issue a supplement to the printed material (publication), unless after submitting an application and obtaining the approval of the Council according to the procedures and conditions mentioned in this resolution.

ARTICLE (45)

Whoever desires to issue a supplement to the newspaper shall submit an application to the Council according to the forms intended for this purpose, subject to be containing the following data:

- 1- Name, surname, nationality, and place of domicile of the license applicant.
- 2- Copy of the valid newspaper license.
- 3- Name of the chief editor, or the responsible editors and publishers, if any, and the surname of each of them, age, nationality, place of their domicile and qualifications.
- 4- Name and nature of the supplement and the language in which it will be published with dates of issuing, its title and capacity.
- 5- Copy of the supplement proposed to be issued with the content and type of the material.
- 6- The price against which the supplement shall be sold, and the method of trading it.
- 7- Name of the printing press, wherein the supplement shall be printed.
- 8- Settling the fees and submitting the guarantees prescribed in this regard.

In cases of necessity, the Council may offer exemption from some of these conditions, if it finds justification thereof.

ARTICLE (46)

The license application shall be signed by the owner of the newspaper, chief editor, the responsible editors or the publisher, if any.



CHAPTER ELEVEN CORRESPONDENTS OF THE FOREIGN PRINTING MATERIALS (PUBLICATIONS) ARTICLE (47)

- The correspondents of foreign printed materials (publications) working in journalism, visual, audio, read and internet media in the United Arab Emirates, including the free zones, shall obtain the approval of the Council before they commence their work according to an application submitted by the foreign media means for this purpose.
- The Council shall follow up the applicable procedures with the other authorities to carry out the special accrediting procedures.
- The Council shall grant the correspondent an crediting card, and shall offer him the necessary facilitation to perform his job, in compliance with the legislations prevailing in the United Arab Emirates.

ARTICLE (48)

One media means may have more than one correspondent. However, the correspondent may not be accredited for more than three foreign printed materials (publications).

ARTICLE (49)

The foreign printed materials shall comply with the following:

- 1- Renewing the accreditation of the correspondent annually.
- 2- Notifying the Council about any change, alternation or cancellation incurred to this accreditation.
- 3- Any other instructions issued by the Council in this regard.

ARTICLE (50)

The fees against correspondents' accreditation in the foreign media mean shall be collected according to the provisions stipulated in this regard.



ARTICLE (51)

The penalties stipulated in this resolution and any other resolutions shall be applicable in case the correspondent or the foreign media means violated the conditions and requirements of the accreditation, including cancelling the accreditation card.

ARTICLE (52)

The Council may sponsor the correspondent of foreign printed materials (publications), who works in the United Arab Emirates, provided that such means shall bear all the financial obligations due on that sponsorship, including the health insurance.

CHAPTER TWELVE PERMITS OF ENTERING GROUND AND AERIAL FILMING (PHOTOGRAPHING) EQUIPMENT ARTICLE (53)

The Council shall be responsible for granting the permits for entering the filming (photographing) equipment via the ports of the United Arab Emirates and granting the necessary permits for the aerial filming (photographing) inside the United Arab Emirates.

ARTICLE (54) ENTERING THE FILMING (PHOTOGRAPHING) EQUIPMENT

The application for obtaining a permit for entering the filming (photographing) equipment shall be submitted through the e-system. The application shall be attached with the following:

- 1- An official letter from the requesting authority.
- 2- Complete and detailed statement on the filming (photographing) equipment and machines.
- 3- Names of the filming (photographing) team or media professional from outside the United Arab Emirates.
- 4- Determining the purpose and sites of filming (photographing).



ARTICLE (55)

GROUND AND AERIAL FILMING (PHOTOGRAPHING) PERMITS

The application for obtaining a permit for ground or aerial filming (photographing) permit shall be submitted through the e-system. The application shall be attached with the following:

- 1- Confirmation on the start and end dates of filming (photographing) mentioned in the application.
- 2- Assigning the filming (photographing) locations clearly.
- 3- Names of the filming (photographing) team and their data.
- 4- An official letter from the executing or sponsoring authority, if any.
- 5- In case of requesting filming a cinematic film or series, it is obligatory to attach scripts' license issued by the Department of Media Content.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

MEDIA ACTIVITIES LICENSING SERVICES FEES

ARTICLE (56)

The Cabinet's Resolution No. (19) of 2017 on the fees prescribed on the media services and the decision of the chairman of the board No. (17) of 2017 shall be applicable.

ARTICLE (57)

The Cabinet shall be the competent authority for issuing the media activities services fees provided by the Council and carrying out any amendments thereon whether by addition, deletion or revision.

ARTICLE (58)

Fees of the requested license shall be settled if the license application is approved, and the necessary approval is issued. If the applicant declined to settle the value of the fees within thirty days from claiming them, the Council may consider his application as null and void, and the procedures shall be repeated again, if he desires to renew this application, along with settling the prescribed fees.



ARTICLE (59)

The associations and legal persons of public interest, that originally do not aim to achieve financial profit, shall be exempted from the fees of issuing, or renewing the magazines that assist in achieving the objectives and activities they perform.

CHAPTER FOURTEEN SUSPENSION OF THE LICENSE ARTICLE (60)

The licensee may submit an application for suspending the valid license, according to the following conditions:

- 1- Submitting an application by the licensee or his legal representative.
- 2- The media license shall be valid.
- 3- He should have started practicing his licensed media activity.
- 4- No decision on suspending, cancelling the license or closing the facility had been issued, unless the reasons of issuing the decision or judgment are removed, as the case may be.
- 5- Not to be previously prevented from practicing the media activity, unless the reasons for issuing the resolution or judgment are removed, as the case may be.
- 6- No financial amounts shall be due to the Council or violations imposed on the facility or activity.
- 7- Non objection Letter from the Economic Development Department to suspend the license.

ARTICLE (61)

The competent inspection unit in the Council shall prepare a report after inspecting the facility.

ARTICLE (62) PERIOD OF SUSPENSION

The period of suspension shall not exceed sixty days per year, but in exceptional cases decided by the Council.



ARTICLE (63)

The licensee or his legal representative may submit more than one application for suspending the license during the validity of the media license, provided that the total days of suspension do not exceed sixty days per year.

CHAPTER FIFTEEN VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES ARTICLE (64) CANCELLING THE LICENSE

Without prejudice to any penalty or action stipulated by the related legislations, the Council may, in case of violating the provisions of this resolution, cancel the license in any of the following cases:

- The licensee or his legal representative delivers inaccurate, wrong, false or misleading information when submitting the license or thereafter.
- Failed to start practicing the licensed media activity within sixty days from the date of issuing the resolution approving the license application.
- Ceased practicing the licensed media activity for a period of sixty days consecutively or intermittently per year without obtaining the approval of the Council thereon.

ARTICLE (65) CLOSING THE FACILITY

Without prejudice to any penalties or actions stipulated by the legislations, the Council may, in case of committing any violation to the provisions of any of the articles (2), (19), and (20) of this resolution, close the facility for a period not exceeding six months, renewable.

ARTICLE (66)

Without prejudice to any penalty or action stipulated by the related legislations, the Council may, in case of committing any violation to the provisions of this decision, close the unlicensed facility permanently.



CHAPTER SIXTEEN GRIEVANCE ARTICLE (67)

Whoever concerned may submit a written grievance (complaint) to the director general against any decision issued by virtue of the provisions of this resolution, subject to the following conditions:

- 1- He shall submit the complaint within (15) fifteen days from date of being notified of the resolution subject of the grievance.
- 2- The complaint shall be justified and attached with all the supporting documents
- 3- The complaint shall be submitted according to the form prepared for this purpose, including the following data: (name of the complainant, his capacity, address, date of issuing the resolution complained against , reasons of complaining and any other data assigned by the management).
- 4- The complaint shall be submitted through an e-mail prepared especially for this purpose or through the concerned department or the Customer Happiness Center.
- 5- The complaint shall be attached with all the documents supporting it, including:
 - ✓ A copy of the resolution complained against.
 - ✓ A copy of the media license, permission or accreditation card, for the foreign correspondents and media professionals.
 - ✓ Copies of the originals of the documents that support the complaint,
 - ✓ Any other documents or deeds requested by the Council.
- 6- The grievance applications not satisfying the conditions shall not be examined.
- 7- The competent department shall check if the complaint applications satisfy the requested data and attachments. In its turn, it shall refer them to the Committee of Complaints that was composed under the resolution of the Chairman of the Board No. (17) of the year 2017 concerning the fees prescribed on the media services, which shall meet periodically to examine the complaints and refer its recommendations to the director general.
- 8- The complaint shall be decided upon within (30) thirty days from the date of submitting the same, in accordance with the procedures applicable at the Council.
- 9- The competent department shall notify the complainant about the result of his complaint.



ARTICLE (68)

FUNCTIONS OF THE COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

The committee of complaints shall be responsible for examining the complaints submitted thereto , through reviewing the file of complaint and hearing from the persons it deems necessary to hear, if the matter required such an action . It also may return the subject to the concerned department to satisfy any aspects or shortage, and return it again and complete the investigation of the complaint and issue its decision thereabout according to the following:

- Dismissing the complaint.
- Accepting the complaint and amending the decision,
- Accepting the complaint and canceling the decision.

CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE (69)

Each licensed media activity that is accustomed to be practiced in a certain manner known to the audience, may not be practiced in any other untraditional ways, unless after issuance of a permission by the Council thereon, who may withdraw such approval if it deemed the public interest requires the same.

ARTICLE (70)

The Council may add any other activities that fall within the scope of media activities stipulated under the laws and resolutions issued in this regards. Even if such activities fall under the functions of other entity, the Council shall coordinate with that entity before joining that activity to it.

ARTICLE (71)

Any media activities that fall within the scope of media activities stipulated under the laws and resolutions issued in this concern and are practiced from home , shall be required to obtain a prior approval from the Council.

ARTICLE (72)

The licensees are required to fully comply with any directives they receive from the National Media Council to practice their licenses.



ARTICLE (73)

The licensees shall be committed to adhere and comply with the scope of the license, the licensed activities, and services, as well as any other special conditions included in the license, or notified to the licensees.

ARTICLE (74)

While practicing the media activities, the owners shall be comply with the standards of the media content and maintain the public order and the instructions issued by the Council.

ARTICLE (75)

No media activities shall be licensed for any entity subject to the supervision of an official authority or affiliated thereto , unless the approval of such official authority is obtained.

ARTICLE (76) CANCELLATIONS

Any provision violating or contradicting with the provisions of this resolution is hereby superseded.

ARTICLE (77) IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTION

The competent authorities are requested to implement this resolution, each in its jurisdiction effective from date of its issue.

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(Seal and signature)*

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