

**The Law of Ukraine**

**On Publishing**

As amended by the Law of Ukraine  
No.3047-III of February 7, 2002

This Law determines general grounds of publishing, regulates the order of organization and conducting of publishing activities, distribution of publishing products, terms of interrelations and functioning of subjects of publishing.

According to the Constitution of Ukraine this Law is designed to facilitate the national and cultural development of the Ukrainian nation, citizens of Ukraine of all nations, strengthening of their spirituality and morality, access of society

The components of publishing are as follows:

publishing activity is a set of organizational, creative and production measures, aimed at preparation and publishing of publishing products;

production of publishing products is production and technological process of reproduction within the determined circulation of a publishing original by printing or other technical means;

distribution of publishing products is bringing publishing products to the consumer both through trade network and otherwise.

### **Article 3. Purpose of Publishing**

Publishing is aimed at:

satisfaction of the needs of a person, society, state in publishing products and generating profit from this activity;





sources of financial and material and technical supplies of activities of publishers, producers and distributors of publishing products.

The application on entry of the subject of publishing to the State Register shall be considered within one month.

**Article 14. Registration Fee**



facilitate strengthening of generally accepted human values, development of science, culture, satisfaction of spiritual needs of the Ukrainian nation, respect national dignity, national peculiarity and culture of all nations;

observe the norms of copyright and patent right, requirements of state and international standards, other legislative acts, regulating publishing;

control timely distribution by the producer of mandatory free and paid specimens of editions;

submit – in compliance with the established procedure – state statistical reports, information on published editions;

reimburse losses, caused in the result of violation of legislation.

#### **Article 21. Rights and Liabilities of the Producer of Publishing Products**

The producer of publishing products may be printing enterprise, other legal entity of any form of ownership, citizens of Ukraine, foreigners and stateless persons, legally residing in Ukraine, or legal entities of other states, that hold in their possession means of printing production or copying devices.

The producer receives purchase orders to produce publishing products on condition that the customer has a document, confirming the entry of the latter in the State Register as a subject of publishing. In the event there is no such document, only editions, specified in part 3, article 12 hereof shall be accepted for production.

Terms and conditions of performing the purchase order on production of publishing products are determined by the agreement between the customer and the producer. Disputes between the customer and the producer shall be settled in court.

The producer of publishing products shall be held responsible before the customer according to legislation for accurate reproduction of the publishing original, observing requirements on the quality of production of each copy of the edition in the ordered circulation, state and international standards, technical specifications and other regulatory documents.

The producer is not entitled – without customer's permission – to pass to anyone produced circulation of the edition or a part of it, publishing originals, models, photos or printing plates, except cases, envisaged by legislation.

Production of additional circulation without customer's permission is prohibited.

Producer has the right to publishing activity once it is entered in the State Register in compliance with all rights and liabilities, envisaged for the publisher by this Law.

#### **Article 22. Object -3.54( )ss6.7( held e3.54Tc-. )6( )TJ/To78(u.eish)-4pTJ-30.7904he28**

**Article 23. Basic Information of Edition**

Basic information of the edition – a set of data, characterizing the edition, and designed for its external looks, informing consumers, bibliographic processing and statistical accounting.

Each copy of the edition must contain basic information.

Elements of basic information are as follows:

information on authors and other persons that were involved in creation of the edition;

title (main, parallel, key, alternative) of the edition;

over-title data; under-title data; basic data;

issuing data (number and date of issuing the document on entering the publisher in the State Register, volume of the edition, circulation, etc.);

classification indices;

international standard numbers;

copyright protection sing.

The list, contents and procedure of legalization of basic data for each type of editions shall be determined by standards.

Basic data shall be legalized by the publisher.





The following is prohibited in publishing:

produce or distribution products, containing information attributed to unfair advertising, advertising with the use of caricatures of the state Ukrainian symbols (the State Coat of Arms, the State Flag, the State Anthem) in any form;

on other grounds, envisaged by Ukrainian legislation.

Subject of publishing shall be deemed as that terminated its activity from the moment it is excluded from the State Register.

### **Article 33. Responsibility of the Subject of Publishing**

Persons, guilty of violation of this Law shall bear disciplinary, administrative, civil or criminal responsibility according to Ukrainian legislation.

## **CHAPTER V FINAL PROVISIONS**

1. The Law of Ukraine "On Publishing" shall enter into force from the day of its publication.

Until other laws are brought in conformity with the norms of this Law, they shall be valid in the terms that do not contradict this Law.

2. Persons that according to this Law are subject to entry in the State Register, are obligated – within one year after this Law is published – to file the application for entering in the State Register and acquire the right to publishing, production or distribution of publishing products.

3. The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine - within two months after publication of the Law “On Publishing” – is obligated to:

submit proposals to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on amending the laws of Ukraine, resulting from this Law;

develop and bring its legal and normative acts in conformity with this Law;

ensure reviewing and cancellation by ministries and other central bodies of executive power of their legal normative acts that are in conflict with this Law.

**President of Ukraine**

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