

**MINISTERIAL REGULATION  
PRESCRIBING RULES AND PROCEDURES  
FOR NOTIFICATION SUBMISSION, NOTIFICATION,  
MODIFICATION AND REPEAL OF EVIDENCE ELEMENTS,  
NOTIFICATION FORMS AND FEE RATE  
FOR THE NOTIFICATION OF NEWSPAPER PUBLISHING  
B.E. 2551 (2008)**

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By virtue of section 6 and Section 11 paragraph 4 of the Notification for Publishing Act B.E. 2550 which contains certain provisions in relation to the restriction of rights and liberties persons, in respect of which section 29 in conjunction with section 36, section 41, section 43 and section 45 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand, so permit by virtue of law, the Prime Minister hereby issues the ministerial regulation as follows:

**Clause 1.** Any person who wants to publish a newspaper in the Kingdom shall submit a Notification for Publishing in accordance with the form as prescribed in Clause 13, which shall contain at least the following elements. The Notification submission shall be made at the place as prescribed in Clause 7 in accompaniment with documents or evidences as prescribed in Clause 6.

- (1) name, nationality and domicile of the publisher, the advertiser, the editor or the owner of the publishing business, as the case may be;
- (2) the newspaper's name;
- (3) purposes and publication period of the newspaper;
- (4) the languages that will be used in the newspaper;
- (5) name and address of the press or the printing house.

**Clause 2.** The newspaper's name must not have the following characteristics:

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(1) not being identical with nor intended to be similar with the royal titles, the royal monograms nor the dynasty title;

(2) not being identical with nor intended to be similar with the titles granted by the King unless the title belongs to the submitter, his ascendants or descendants;

(3) not being identical with the names of the newspapers that have previously been submitted by Notification.

**Clause 3.** The newspaper's editor must have qualifications and not be under prohibitions, as follows:

(1) being not less than twenty years of age;

(2) being of Thai nationality or a nationality of a country that signed a treaty with Thailand;

(3) having a habitual place of residence in the Kingdom;

(4) not being an incompetent person nor a quasi-incompetent person;

(5) never having been imprisoned due to a final judgment or lawful order to a term of imprisonment unless having been discharged for a period of not less than 3 years, and except for an offence committed through negligence or a petty offence;

**Clause 4.** The owner of the publishing business who is a physical person, the publisher, or the advertiser must have qualifications and not be under prohibitions, as follows:

(1) being not less than twenty years of age;

(2) being of Thai nationality;

(3) having a habitual place of residence in the Kingdom;

(4) not being an incompetent person nor a quasi-incompetent person;

(5) never having been imprisoned due to a final judgment or lawful order to a term of imprisonment unless having been discharged for a period of not less than 3 years, and except for an offence committed through negligence or a petty offence;

**Clause 5.** The owner of the publishing business who is a juristic person must have not less than 70 percent of the shares held by shareholders of Thai nationality and members of Thai nationality not less than three fourth of all the members.

**Clause 6.** The Notification submission must be accompanied with documents or evidences, as follows:

(1) a copy of the National Identity Card and a copy of a residence registration of the publisher, the advertiser, the editor and the owner publishing business;

(2) a copy of the certificate of registration of the juristic person which is issued not less than six month, in the case where the owner of the publishing business is a juristic person, unless such registration can be verified in the computer network system developed by the Department of Business Development;

(3) a document asserting the right to use a place as the newspaper's headquarter;

(4) a power of attorney, if any, with copies of the National Identity Cards of the mandator and the mandatary.

**Clause 7.** The Notification submission according to Clause 1 shall be made at the place as follows:

(1) In the case where the newspaper headquarter is situated in Bangkok, changwat Nonthaburi, changwat Pathumthani, changwat Nakhonpathom, changwat Samutsakorn, changwat Samutsongram, or changwat Samutsongkram, the Notification submission shall be made at the National Library of Thailand, under the Fine Arts Department.

(2) In the case where the newspaper headquarter is situated in a changwat other than the changwats as prescribed in (1), the Notification submission shall be made at the Office of Fine Arts 1-15 that has the jurisdiction in that province.

**Clause 8.** The receipt of the Notification submission shall be in accordance with the following procedures and timeframes:

(1) Upon the receipt of a Notification form and documents or evidences, the official shall verify the authenticity and the details of the documents or evidences and issue a Notification certificate without delay.

(2) In the case where the Notification submitter has not proceeded correctly or completely as required by this Ministerial Regulation, the official shall advise the submitter to resubmit a correct and complete Notification at one time within fifteen days as from the date of the receipt of the Notification forms and documents or evidences. When the submitter has proceeded correctly and

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completely, the official shall accept the submission and issue a Notification certificate without delay.

(3) In the case of refusal, the official shall issue a written notice with reasons of refusal to the submitter.

The calculation of the duration in the first paragraph shall not include the delay given to the submitter for correction and completion.

**Clause 9.** The official may issue a Notification certificate to a submitter upon the payment of the Notification fee of 5,000 baht.

**Clause 10.** To request for a duplicate of a damaged Notification certificate, the requestor shall return the damaged original. In the case of lost, the requestor shall submit the lost of property report. The request shall be made at the Notification submission place.

**Clause 11.** Any publisher, advertiser, editor or owner of the publishing business who changes any element(s) in Clause 1 shall notify the official in order to modify the evidence element(s) within thirty days as from the date of the change of such element(s).

**Clause 12.** Any publisher, advertiser, editor or owner of the publishing business who quits being publisher, advertiser, editor or owner of the publishing business shall notify the official in order to repeal or to modify the evidence element(s) within thirty days as from the date of quitting from being publisher, advertiser, editor or owner of the publishing business.

**Clause 13.** The Notification of Publishing, the Notification certificate, the Notification certificate duplicate, the modification of (an) evidence element(s), and the repeal of (an) evidence element(s) shall be in accordance with the forms P.1, P.2, P.3 annexed to this Act.

Given on the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of January B.E. 2551;

General Surayud Chulanont

Prime Minister

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Notification for Publishing to be \_\_\_\_\_ newspaper

Written at \_\_\_\_\_

On the \_\_\_\_\_ (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Month) B.E. \_\_\_\_\_

Photo  
2 inch.

I hereby request a Notification for Publishing to the Notification for Publishing official of Changwat \_\_\_\_\_, as follows:

1. I, \_\_\_\_\_, Age \_\_\_\_\_ years, Race \_\_\_\_\_, Nationality \_\_\_\_\_, domiciled at Number \_\_\_\_\_, Street \_\_\_\_\_, Tambon/Khweang \_\_\_\_\_, Amphoe/Khet \_\_\_\_\_, Changwat \_\_\_\_\_, Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ National Identity Number \_\_\_\_\_, Date of issuance \_\_\_\_\_, Date of expiry \_\_\_\_\_.

2. I request a Notification to be \_\_\_\_\_ newspaper as follows:

(A) Name of the newspaper \_\_\_\_\_

(B) Purposes \_\_\_\_\_

(C) Publication period: \_\_\_\_\_

(D) Type of the newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_

(E) Language(s) that will be used in the newspaper:

(F) Name of the Newspaper's headquarter: \_\_\_\_\_, situated at Number \_\_\_\_\_, Street \_\_\_\_\_, Tambon/Khweang \_\_\_\_\_, Amphoe/Khet \_\_\_\_\_, Changwat \_\_\_\_\_, Telephone \_\_\_\_\_.

(G) Name of the advertiser: \_\_\_\_\_, situated at Number \_\_\_\_\_, Street \_\_\_\_\_, Tambon/Khweang \_\_\_\_\_, Amphoe/Khet \_\_\_\_\_, Changwat \_\_\_\_\_, Telephone \_\_\_\_\_.

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(H) Name of the press or the printing house: \_\_\_\_\_,  
situated at Number \_\_\_\_\_, Street \_\_\_\_\_,  
Tambon/Khweang \_\_\_\_\_, Amphoe/Khet \_\_\_\_\_,  
Changwat \_\_\_\_\_, Telephone \_\_\_\_\_.

(I) \_\_\_\_\_ is the publisher of this newspaper,  
\_\_\_\_\_ is the advertiser of this newspaper,  
\_\_\_\_\_ is the editor of this newspaper,  
and \_\_\_\_\_ is the owner of the publishing business.

3. I have already attached a certificate issued by the owner of the publishing business attesting that I am \_\_\_\_\_ with this Notification for Publishing form.

4. I have already attached a photograph of myself, taking in accordance with the requirements as specified in the Ministerial Regulation with this Notification for Publishing form.

5. I have qualifications and I am not under the prohibitions as prescribed in the Notification for Publishing Act B.E. 2550, as certified in the annex of this Notification for Publishing form.

Sign \_\_\_\_\_ (the Notification submitter)  
( )

**The owner of the publishing business's certification**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the owner of the publishing business of the newspaper named \_\_\_\_\_ hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_, the submitter of the Notification have qualifications and is not under prohibitions as prescribed in the Notification for Publishing Act B.E. 2550.

Sign \_\_\_\_\_ (the certifier)  
( )

**Remark**

A copy of the National Identity Card of the certifier must be attached to the certification.

*Office of the Council of State*

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**Notification for Publishing Certificate**  
**Under the Notification for Publishing Act B.E. 2550**

Accession number \_\_\_\_\_

This Certificate is issued to attest that  
 \_\_\_\_\_,

National Identity Number \_\_\_\_\_, Race \_\_\_\_\_,  
 Nationality \_\_\_\_\_, age \_\_\_ years, Occupation \_\_\_\_\_, domiciled at  
 Number \_\_\_\_\_, Street \_\_\_\_\_, Tambon/Khweang \_\_\_\_\_,  
 Amphoe/Khet \_\_\_\_\_, Changwat \_\_\_\_\_, is  
 \_\_\_\_\_ of the newspaper named

having \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ purposes  
 \_\_\_\_\_.

Language(s) that will be used in the  
 newspaper \_\_\_\_\_

Type \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ the  
 newspaper \_\_\_\_\_

Publication \_\_\_\_\_ period  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ the Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_ headquarter  
 \_\_\_\_\_,

situated at \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_, Street  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Tambon/Khweang \_\_\_\_\_,  
 Amphoe/Khet \_\_\_\_\_, Changwat \_\_\_\_\_.

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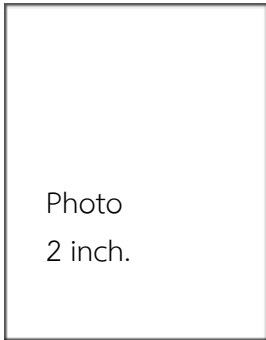
Name of the advertiser agency:

\_\_\_\_\_,  
situated at \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_, Street  
\_\_\_\_\_, Tambon/Khweang \_\_\_\_\_,  
Amphoe/Khet \_\_\_\_\_, Changwat \_\_\_\_\_,

Name of the press or the printing house:

\_\_\_\_\_,  
situated at \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_, Street  
\_\_\_\_\_, Tambon/Khweang \_\_\_\_\_,  
Amphoe/Khet \_\_\_\_\_, Changwat \_\_\_\_\_,

This newspaper \_\_\_\_\_ is the publisher  
\_\_\_\_\_ is the advertiser  
\_\_\_\_\_ is the editor  
\_\_\_\_\_ is the owner of the publishing  
business



Issued from the \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ B.E.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sign)

( )

The Notification for Publishing official for Changwat \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Notification for Publishing, Modification  
and Repeal of Evidence Element(s) Form**

Written at \_\_\_\_\_

On the (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Month) \_\_\_\_\_ (B.E.) \_\_\_\_\_

As \_\_\_\_\_, Age \_\_\_\_\_ years,  
Race \_\_\_\_\_, Nationality \_\_\_\_\_, domiciled at Number \_\_\_\_\_,  
Street \_\_\_\_\_, Tambon/Khweang \_\_\_\_\_,  
Amphoe/Khet \_\_\_\_\_, Changwat \_\_\_\_\_,  
has by a Notification for Publishing to be \_\_\_\_\_ of the  
newspaper named \_\_\_\_\_ as  
attested in the Notification for Publishing Certificate of accession number \_\_\_\_\_,  
issued on the \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ (month) B.E. \_\_\_\_\_;

Now I, \_\_\_\_\_, mandated by  
\_\_\_\_\_ hereby request a modification or a repeal  
of (an) evidence element(s) of the newspaper named \_\_\_\_\_  
to the Notification for publishing official of Changwat \_\_\_\_\_,  
as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Sign \_\_\_\_\_ (the form submitter)  
( \_\_\_\_\_ )