



THE REGISTRATION OF NEWS AGENTS, NEWSPAPERS AND BOOKS
(AMENDMENTS) ACT, 1997

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ACT NO.8 OF 1997

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PRESIDENT OF ZANZIBAR
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AN ACT TO AMEND THE REGISTRATION OF NEWS AGENTS,
NEWS PAPERS AND BOOKS ACT, 1988

ENACTED by the House of Representatives of
Zanzibar.

PART 1
PRELIMINARY

Short title
and
Commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Registration of
News Agents, News papers and Books (Amendments) Act,
1997 and shall come into operation immediately after
being assented to by the President.

(2) The provisions of this Act shall be read also
with the Registration of News Agents, News papers and
Books Act, 1988 hereinafter referred to as the
"principal Act".

Amendment
of Section 2.

2. Section 2 of the Principal Act is hereby
amended by -

(i) substituting the definition of the word
"party" to the following:

"Party" means any registered political
party.

Amendment
of
Section 4.

3. Section 4 of the Principal Act is hereby
amended by deleting that section and substituting to
the following:



"4. There is hereby established a Board to be known as the Advisory Board which shall consist of the following:

- (a) a chairman who shall be appointed by the President;
- (b) other five members in mass communication who shall be appointed by the Minister".
- (c) the Director of the Department of Information shall be the Secretary of the Board.

Repeal and
replacement of
Section 5.

4. Section 5 of the Principal Act is hereby repealed and replaced by the following:-

"Functions of the Board"

5. The Board shall have the following Functions:
 - (a) to consider applications made under this Act and advise the Minister;
 - (b) to advise the Minister on the implementation of this Act;
 - (c) to regulate the conduct and promote good ethical standards and discipline of journalists;
 - (d) to arbitrate disputes between the public and the media and the state and the media;
 - (e) to exercise disciplinary control over journalists, editors and publishers;
 - (f) to promote generally the flows of informations;



- (g) to exercise any other function that may be authorised or conferred upon it by any written law; and
- (h) to perform any other work in relation to this Act assigned to it by the Minister.

PART II

REGISTRATION OF NEWSPAPERS

Amendment
of Section 7.

5. Section 7 of the Principal Act is hereby amended in subsection (I) by deleting the word "not" which appeared in that subsection.

PART III

DEPOSIT OF BOOKS AND NEWSPAPERS

Amendment
of Section 12.

6. Section 12 of the Principal Act is hereby amended in subsection (I) by deleting the word "not" appeared in that subsection.

Amendment
of Section 16.

7. Section 16 of the principal Act is hereby amended in paragraph (c) of Subsection (I) and shall read as follows:

"(c) makes any return under section 8 or section 10 of this Act which he knows to be false or does not believe to be true in any particular shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a fine of not less than five hundred thousand shillings or imprisonment for a term not less than three years or both such fine and imprisonment."

PART IV

BONDS

Amendment of
Section 17.

8. Section 17 of the Principal Act is hereby amended in subsection (I) by deleting the word "not" appeared in that subsection.



Amendment
of Section 22:

9. Section 22 of the Principal Act is hereby amended in paragraph (b) and shall read as follows:

"(b) sells any newspaper which he knows or has reason to believe has been printed and published in contravention of the provisions of section 17 or section 18, as the case may be,..... shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not less than five hundred thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term not less than three years or to both such fine and imprisonment.

PART V

GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO NEWSPAPERS

Amendment
of
Section 35.

10. Section 35 of the Principal Act is hereby amended as follows:

- (a) in subsection (1) by deleting that subsection and substituting for the following:

"(1) Any person who imports, publishes, sells, offers for sale, distributes or produces any publication, the importation of which has been prohibited under section 34 or any extract therefrom, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine of not less than two hundred thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term not less than three years or to both such fine and imprisonment and such publication or extract therefrom shall be forfeited to the Government."

- (b) in subsection (2) by deleting that subsection and substituting for the following:

"(2) Any person who, without lawful excuse, has in his possession any publication the importation of which has been prohibited under section 34 or any extract therefrom, shall be



guilty of an offence and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine of not less than two hundred thousand shillings or to imprisonment of a term of two years or to both such fine and imprisonment and such publication or extract therefrom shall be forfeited to the Government."

Amendment
of
Section 36.

11. Section 36 of the Principal Act is hereby amended in subsection (I) by deleting the phrase "to a fine of not less than two thousand shillings but not exceeding ten thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years or to both such fine and imprisonment" and substituting for the following phrase:

" to a fine of not less than two hundred thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term not less than six months or to both such fine and imprisonment."

Amendment
of
Section 37

12. Section 37 of the Principal Act is hereby amended in subsection (I) in paragraph (a) by deleting the phrase "Tanzania Posts and telecommunications Corporation" which appeared in that subsection and substituting for the following:

"Institution which deals with the postal services."

PART VI
OFFENCES AGAINST THE STATE

Amendment
of
Section 48.

13. Section 48 of the principal Act is hereby amended -

(a) in subsection (I) by deleting the words "to a fine of not less than five thousand shillings but not exceeding fifty thousand shillings or imprisonment not exceeding five years or to both such fine and imprisonment and such publication shall be forfeited to the Government" and substituting for the following words:



".... to a fine of not less than one million shillings or to imprisonment for a term of five years or to both such fine and imprisonment and such publication shall be forfeited to the Government."

- (b) in subsection (2) by deleting the words "to a fine of not less than three thousand shillings but not exceeding fifteen thousand shillings or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding one year or to both such fine and imprisonment" and substituting for the following words:

"to a fine of not less two hundred thousands shillings or to imprisonment for a term of one year or to both such fine and imprisonment."

Amendment
of
Section 52.

14. Section 52 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by deleting the words "to a fine of not less than three thousand shillings but not exceeding twenty thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years or to both such fine and imprisonment and substituting for the following words ".... to a fine not less than five hundred thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term of three years or to both such fine and imprisonment."

PART VII

DEFAMATION

Amendment
of Section 62.

15. Section 62 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by deleting the words "three thousand shillings but not exceeding fifteen thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years or to both such fine and imprisonment," and substituting for the following words:-

"three hundred thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term of three years or to both such fine and imprisonment".



PART VIII
CINEMATOGRAPHY PERMITS

Amendment of Section 63.
Amendment

16. Section 63 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by deleting the word Minister whenever it appears in that section and substituting for it the word "Director"

Amendment of section 64.

17. Section 64 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by adding the words "in consultation with the Director of the Department of Information immediately after the words Censorship Board."

Amendment of Section 67.

18. Section 67 of the Principal Act is hereby amended as follows:

- (a) by deleting the words "two thousand shillings but not exceeding ten thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to both such fine and imprisonment" and substituting for the following words-

"three hundred thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term of two years or to both such fine and imprisonment."

Amendment of Section 68.

19. Section 68 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following words at the end of that section:

"Satellite and other related equipments."

PART IX
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS, REPEALS AND AMENDMENTS

Amendment of Section 73.

20. Section 73 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by deleting the words "two thousand shillings but not exceeding twenty thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years or to both such fine and imprisonment" and substituting for the following "two hundred thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term of two years or to both such fine and imprisonment".



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Repeal
of Act.
No.11/83

21. The Registration of Television Act, No.11 of 1983 is hereby repealed.

Passed in the House of Representatives on the 3rd day of October, 1997.

(KHAMIS JUMA CHANDE)

CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
ZANZIBAR