

## **PRESS AND PRINTING**

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***Newspaper and Imprint Registration Act 63 of 1971***, as amended in South Africa to March 1978.

**Summary:** This Act provides for the registration of newspapers and printer's imprints and requires that the printer of all printed matter be identified.

**Applicability to SWA:** Section 1 defines "Republic" to include "the territory of South West Africa". Section 14(1) states that "this Act and any amendment thereof shall also apply in the territory of South West Africa, including the Eastern Caprivi Zipfel".

**Transfer of administration to SWA:** The administration of this Act was transferred to SWA by the Executive Powers (Interior) Transfer Proclamation (AG 17/1978), dated 30 March 1978.

Section 3(2)(c) of the transfer proclamation excluded section 8 of the Act from the operation of section 3(1)(c) of the General Proclamation, which concerns the interpretation of the term "Republic". Section 8 requires that the editor of a newspaper published in the Republic must reside in the Republic; "Republic" in this section retained the meaning it was given in the definition section of the Act (South Africa and SWA).

The only amendment to the Act in South Africa after the date of transfer and prior to Namibian independence -- the *Registration of Newspapers Amendment Act 98 of 1982* -- was not made expressly applicable to SWA.

### **New Era Publication Corporation Act 1 of 1992.**

**Summary:** This Act establishes a publication corporation for Namibia and sets forth its powers, duties and functions.

**Amendments:** Sections 1 and 5 are amended by section 2 of the General Law Amendment Act 18 of 2000, which is deemed to have come into operation on 29 November 2000 (GN 25/2001, GG 2483).

**Appointments:** The appointment of a Board of Directors is announced in GN 26/2001 (GG 2483) and GN 60/2004 (GG 3181).

### **Namibia Press Agency Act 3 of 1992.**

**Summary:** This Act establishes a news agency for Namibia and sets forth its powers, duties and functions.

**Amendments:** Sections 1 and 6 are amended by section 3 of the General Law Amendment Act 18 of 2000, which is deemed to have come into operation on 29 November 2000 (GN 25/2001, GG 2483). Act 13/2004 amends sections 4, 5, 6, 11, and 14.

**Appointments:** The appointment of Boards of Directors is announced in GN 114/1992 (GG 468), GN 197/1998 (GG 1927) and GN 27/2001 (GG 2483).

See also **CENSORSHIP**.

See also General Law Amendment Ordinance 22 of 1958, section 1 (which makes it an offence to publish details of any person under 18 years old who is a party to civil proceedings) (**COURTS**).

See also *Criminal Procedure Act 51 of 1977*, section 154 (which prohibits the publication of any information which may reveal the identity of an accused or a witness in criminal proceedings who is under the age of 18, as well as the publication of information about any criminal proceedings held in closed court) (**CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE**).

See also *Protection of Information Act 84 of 1982* (which prohibits the disclosure of security-related information) (**DEFENCE**).