

Library Law

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Article 2

The law defines libraries as facilities that collect, arrange, and preserve publication resources to provide services for the public and specific groups.

The aforementioned publication resources are books, periodicals, newspapers, audio-visual materials, electronic media and other publications and online resources.

Article 15

In order to maintain a complete collection of national publications, the National Central Library shall serve as the agency of legal deposit for national publications.

Government agencies (institutions), schools, individuals, juridical persons, organizations and publishing houses shall deposit at the National Central Library and National Parliamentary Library one copy each of every publication of types stipulated under paragraph 2, Article 2 of this Law at the time of publication. However, government publications shall be treated in accordance with other applicable laws and decrees.

Article 18

Publishers that violate the stipulations in paragraph 2, Article 15 of this Law, by not submitting publications for legal deposit within the deadline as notified by the National Central Library shall be subject to a fine of ten times the set price of the publication, as imposed by the National Central Library. Consecutive fines may be issued until the publication is submitted.

Article 19

The payment of the fine imposed in accordance with this Law, unpaid by a certain deadline after issuing a notice giving a time limit, shall be compulsorily enforced in accordance with laws.

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