

NOTIFICATION

S.R.O. No. 1456(1)/73, dated 9.10.1973: In exercise of the powers conferred by section 8 of the publication of the Holy Quran (Elimination of Printing and Recording Errors) Act, 1973 (LIV of 1973) the Federal Government is pleased to make the following rules as follows:-

1. SHORT TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT:-

- i) These rules may be called the publication of the Holy Quran (Elimination of Printing and Recording Errors) Rules, 1973.
- ii) They shall come into force at once.

2. DEFINITIONS:-

In these rules, unless there is repugnant in the subject or context:-

- a) "Act" means the Publication of the Holy Quran (Elimination of Printing and Recording Errors) Act, 1973 (LIV of 1973) and
- b) "Provincial Augaf Department" includes the Member, Board of Revenue, incharge Augaf Balochistan.

3. REGISTRATION OF PUBLISHERS AND RECORDING COMPANIES:

Any person or Association of persons or firm intending to get himself or itself registered as publisher or Recording company shall make an application for registration to the Provincial Augaf Department.

2. An application under sub-rule (1) shall be accompanied by a fee of the one hundred rupees.

4. TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO PUBLISHERS:(1)

No publisher shall use for printing of the Holy Quran paper the impression on each side of which become visible from the other side and if newsprint is used, it should not be of less than 52 grammage.

Ins, vide Bill dated 15.10.1987.

4. Ins, vide amendment S.O. 247(E) /86 dated the 15th June, 1986.

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2. The printers and publishers shall ensure that rough prints and waste-papers of Qurānic text are not allowed to be thrown away carelessly and are carefully collected and disposed of according to the tenets of Islām.

3. Every publisher shall forward two copies of each print of the Holy Quran to the Federal Government and one copy each to the Provincial Auqaf Departments.

\*(3A). Every recording company, registered under rule 3, shall forward two sets of records of the Holy Quran to the Federal Government and one set of records each to Provincial Auqaf Departments".

\*4. Every person who publishes a text-book, Religious treatise or any other book containing any extract of the Holy Quran shall send two copies thereof to the Ministry of Religious Affairs and one copy each to the Provincial Auqaf Department.

\* 4A. Description upon the record. Every record shall bear on it the following description:-

- (a) Name of the Qari.
- (b) Number of Para(Part), or Chapter(Surah).
- (c) Number and date of recording.
- (d) Name of the Recording Company.
- (e) Name of the person who certified the Text.

5. POWER TO PROHIBIT SALE:-

\*(1) The Federal Government may, if it considers that the errors in the copy of a print or record of the Holy Quran received under sub-rule (3) of rule 3 or sub rule (3A) are such that they cannot be corrected, prohibit the sale of that print or record and refer the matter to the Provincial Auqaf Department concerned.

\*(2) The Federal Government may, if it considers that the errors in the extract of the Holy Quran contained in the copy of the text-book, prayerbook religious treatise or otherwise received under sub-rule (4) of rule 4 are such that they cannot be corrected and that they have so literally distorted an ayah as to ~~xxxxxx~~ alter its meaning, prohibit the sale of that copy and refer the matter to the Provincial Auqaf Department.

6. In s. vide amendment S.R.C. 295(1)/89 dated 22.3.1989.

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6. INSPECTION OF THE PRINTS OF HOLY QURAN ALREADY PRINTED:

- 1) " Every person who had published a print of the Holy Quran before the commencement of the Act, or had records not certified under the Act, shall get a copy of such print or record, as the case may be, checked by a person competent to do so under sub-section (3) of section 5 of the Act and have a certificate recorded by such person at the end of such copy or record to the effect that the text and references do not contain any error, and shall also have such certificate rubber-stamped on all copies of such print or records available with him or any of his agents".
- 2) If any error be discovered in such copy or record the person concerned shall get the same corrected in such copy or record and in all the copies or records available with him or any of his agents, and get the certificate required by sub-rule (1) recorded on such copy or record and rubber-stamped on the other copies or records available as aforesaid.
- 3) The person concerned shall also have the year of printing or recording rubber-stamped on the cover of all copies or records of each print or record.
- 4) Before such date as the Federal Government may by notification in the official Gazette, specify in this behalf, every person concerned shall forward to the Federal Government for inspection two copies or records of such print or record bearing the certificate referred to in sub-rule (1) or, as the case may be, sub-rule (2) and the year of printing or recording referred to in sub-rule (3).
- 5) No person shall sell or offer for sale any copy of such print or record unless it contains the certificate referred to in sub-rule (1) or as the case may be, sub-rule (2) and the year of printing or recording referred to in sub-rule (3).
- 6) If any printing or recording error in any such print or records is brought to the notice of the Federal Government or a Provincial Local Government, that Government or as the case may be Department shall get a copy of such print or records checked by a person competent to do so under sub-section (3) or section 5 of the Act.

6-A.

CHECKING OF UNCERTIFIED PRINTS OR RECORDS OF THE HOLY QURAN:-

- (1) If any print or record of the Holy Quran is found not to have been certified free from errors under rule 6, the Federal Government or the Provincial Local Government shall get a copy of such print or record checked by a person competent to do so

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under sub-section (3) of the Act at the expense of the publisher or recording company of that print or record and thereafter the provisions of sub-rules (2), (3) and (5) of rule 6 shall apply to such print or record.

- (2) The fee payable to the person referred to in sub-rule (1) shall be fixed by the Federal Government or, as the case may be, the Provincial Aqaf Department, in consultation with the publisher or recording company.

§6-B. SEIZURE OF CERTAIN PRINTS OR RECORD OF THE HOLY QURAN:-

All such copies / records of the Holy Quran in which there exist errors which cannot, in the opinion of the Provincial Aqaf Department, easily be corrected in the print or records shall be seized by that Department.

7. SCOPE OF CHECKING:

Checking of the Holy Quran shall be confined to the Arabic text only.

8. SAVINGS: Nothing in these Rules shall apply to recording of the Holy Quran by public in a recitation context or during a religious sermon or religious gathering or ceremony.

§ 6-A & 6-B, Ins. vide Ministry of Religious Affairs Notification No. S.R.O. 295(1)/77 dated 7.4.1977.

• Ins. vide amendment S.R.O. 295(1)/89 dated 22.3.89.