

ANNEXES:

DECREE NO. 555 OF THE CABINET OF MINISTERS ON MEASURES FOR IMPROVING THE MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE IN THE SPHERE OF MASS COMMUNICATIONS

(24 November 2004, as last amended on 12 September 2018)

In accordance with the Laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Mass Media” and “On Principles and Guarantee of Freedom of Information”, considering the expansion of the range, scale and volume of information services, for the purpose of ensuring relevance, accessibility and reliability of information, development and enhancement of the information infrastructure and modern information and communication technologies, the Cabinet of Ministers decrees that:

See the previous wording.

1. Government body “Centre for Monitoring in the Sphere of Mass Communications” under the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information (hereinafter – the Centre) shall be established with the personnel ceiling of 265 people.

(the first unnumbered paragraph of paragraph 1 as amended by Decree No 724 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of September 12, 2018)

The key responsibilities of the Centre shall be as follows:

consistent monitoring of the national information space and activities of mass media, including modern information and communication technologies, satellite systems, the global information network Internet, other electronic means of delivery and dissemination of information, as well as printed products;

analysis of compliance of information materials disseminated in mass media with laws of the Republic aimed at protecting interests of the individual, society and the State in the information sphere, preventing destructive, negative information and psychological influence on public conscience, maintaining and ensuring succession of national and cultural traditions and heritage;

identification of problems preventing effective functioning of national mass media outlets, development of proposals on creation of necessary conditions for comprehensive development of the domestic information market;

summarization and provision of recommendations, warnings and opinions regarding violations of legal requirements, identified as a result of monitoring of activities of service providers in the sphere of mass communications;

improvement of the monitoring system in the sphere of mass communications alongside with introduction of new technologies, forming of information resources, systems and means of information delivery and dissemination;

development of proposals on improvement of legislation, regulatory support in the information sphere, development of mass media infrastructure and skilled personnel training with due regard to best international practices, modern requirements and standards;

See the previous wording.

maintenance of the Register of Information Resources of the Global Information Network Internet, containing information prohibited for dissemination by laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

organization of a comprehensive expert examination in the sphere of information and mass communications in accordance with the law in the capacity of the Working Body.

(paragraph 1 amended by adding unnumbered paragraphs under Decree No 707 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of September 5, 2018 — National Database of Legislation, 06.09.2018, Iss. 09/18/707/1839)

See the previous wording.

2. Regulation of the Centre for Monitoring in the Sphere of Mass Communications under the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information shall be approved according to Annex 2.

(the first unnumbered paragraph of paragraph 2 as amended by Decree No 297 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of April 20, 2018— National Database of Legislation, 23.04.2018, Iss. 09/18/297/1096)

See the previous wording.

The Centre is a legal entity, interacting in due course on the issues within its remit with public and administrative authorities, non-governmental non-profit organizations, entities of the information services market, maintaining the Register of Information Resources of the Global Information Network Internet, containing information prohibited for dissemination by laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and performing functions of the Working Body of the Expert Committee in the Sphere of Information and Mass Communications.

(the second unnumbered paragraph of paragraph 2 as amended by Decree No 707 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of September 5, 2018 — National Database of Legislation, 06.09.2018, Iss. 09/18/707/1839)

See the previous wording.

Activities of regional branches of the Centre shall be coordinated by local offices of the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information.

(the third unnumbered paragraph of paragraph 2 as amended by Decree No 297 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of April 20, 2018 — National Database of Legislation, 23.04.2018, Iss. 09/18/297/1096)

3. Findings of the Centre for Monitoring in the Sphere of Mass Communications shall constitute grounds for:

the Uzbek Agency for Press and Communication to decide for or against issuance, suspension or withdrawal of licenses in the sphere of information services and certificates of state registration of mass media outlets in accordance with the procedure established by law;

See the previous wording.

the Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan to issue instructions on elimination of identified shortcomings and violations of legal requirements in the information sphere by public and administrative authorities, economic entities and officials.

(the third unnumbered paragraph of paragraph 3 as amended by Decree No 171 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of June 27, 2015 — CL RU, 2015, Iss. 26, Art. 338)

4. The Uzbek Agency for Communication and Informatization (A. N. Aripov) within two months shall:

elaborate and approve a program of development and enhancement of the monitoring system in the sphere of mass communications, including Internet information resources, satellite systems, other modern means of delivery and dissemination of information, as well as printed products;

hire highly qualified personnel to the Centre for Monitoring in the Sphere of Mass Communications and ensure logistic support of regional branches of the Centre;

provide all necessary kinds of communication to the Centre, including government communication and access to the Internet.

5. The Centre for Monitoring of Mass Media and Licensing under the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information, as well as departments of media monitoring and technical services in the Agency's offices in the Republic of Karakalpakstan, oblasts and in Tashkent shall be dissolved.

In connection with the dissolution of the Centre for Monitoring of Mass Media and Licensing, the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Uzbekistan (S. B. Rakhimov) shall introduce corresponding amendments into funding targets and cost estimates of the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information.

It shall be taken into consideration that:

See the previous wording.

(the fourth unnumbered paragraph removed from paragraph 5 Decree No 5 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of January 8, 2008)

See the previous wording.

activities of the Centre for Monitoring in the Sphere of Mass Communications under the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information shall be financed by the Fund for Development of Information and Communication Technologies, *inter alia*, using its proceeds from state license duties in the sphere of communications and informatization, designated for the maintenance of control and monitoring authorities, within the budget approved by the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information on agreement with the Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

(the fourth unnumbered paragraph of paragraph 5 as amended by the Decree No 297 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of April 20, 2018 — National Database of Legislation, 23.04.2018, Iss. 09/18/297/1096)s

6. The Uzbek Agency for Communication and Informatization (A. N. Aripov), the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information (R. Sh. Shagulyamov) together with the State Property Committee (M.A.

Askarov) shall, within two months, in accordance with the established procedure, accept equipment for recording and archiving television and radio programs from the dissolved Centre for Monitoring of Mass Media and Licensing under the Uzbek Centre for Press and Information and transfer it to the newly established Centre for Monitoring in the Sphere of Mass Communications under the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information.

See the previous wording.

7. The Uzbek Agency for Press and Information shall put the Centre on the list of organizations, receiving free specimen copies of printed and book products.

(paragraph 7 as amended by Decree No 297 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of April 20, 2018 — National Database of Legislation, 23.04.2018, Iss. 09/18/297/1096)

8. The Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan (A. A. Palvan-Zade) in association with interested ministries and agencies shall, within one month, in accordance with the established procedure, submit to the Cabinet of Ministers proposals on amending the statutes in place to comply with this Decree.

9. Compliance with this Decree shall be overseen by A. N. Aripov, Deputy Prime Minister of Uzbekistan.

I. KARIMOV, Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers

Tashkent,

November 24, 2004,

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See the previous wording.

(Annex 1 became invalid under Decree No 5 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of January 8, 2008)

ANNEX 2
to Decree No 555 of the Cabinet of Ministers
of November 24, 2004

REGULATION

on the Centre for Monitoring in the Sphere of Mass Communications

1. General Provisions

See the previous wording.

1. The Centre for Monitoring in the Sphere of mass Communications of the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information (hereinafter — the Centre) is an authorized body, monitoring the compliance with requirements of laws and regulations, technical regulations or standards, licensing conditions for legal entities and individuals, operating in the sphere of mass communications.

(the first unnumbered paragraph of paragraph 1 as amended by Decree No 297 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of April 20, 2018— National Database of Legislation, 23.04.2018, Iss. 09/18/297/1096)

See the previous wording.

The Centre performs the functions of the Working Body of the Expert Committee in the Sphere of Information and Mass Communications (hereinafter — the Committee), while the head of the Centre is the Secretary of the Committee.

(paragraph 1 amended by adding the unnumbered paragraph in accordance with Decree No 273 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of October 1, 2011 — CL RU, 2011, Iss. 40, Art. 415)

See the previous wording.

2. The Centre shall be guided in its activity by the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan, laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan, resolutions of the chambers of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan, decree, resolutions and ordinances of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, decrees and ordinances of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan and other pieces of legislation, as well as by this Regulation.

(paragraph 2 as amended by the Decree No 297 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of April 20, 2018 — National Database of Legislation, 23.04.2018, Iss. 09/18/297/1096)

3. Opinions that the Centre prepares within its remit based on findings of monitoring, shall constitute grounds for corresponding decisions of ministries, local public and administrative authorities.

See the previous wording.

4. The Centre is an organization subordinate to the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information and is a legal entity and an independent accounting entity with a corporate bank account and a seal with a depiction of the State coat of arms and its name in the state language.

(the first unnumbered paragraph of paragraph 4 as amended by Decree No 297 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan on April 20, 2018— National Database of Legislation, 23.04.2018, Iss. 09/18/297/1096)

The structure of the Centre includes its offices in the Republic of Karakalpakstan, oblasts and in Tashkent.

See the previous wording.

5. Activities of the Centre for Monitoring in the Sphere of Mass Communications under the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information shall be financed by the Fund for Development of Information and Communication Technologies, *inter alia*, using its proceeds from state license duties in the sphere of communications and informatization designated for the maintenance of control and monitoring authorities, within the budget approved by the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information on agreement with the Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

(paragraph 5 as amended by Decree No 297 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of April 20, 2018 — National Database of Legislation, 23.04.2018, Iss. 09/18/297/1096)

II. Key Responsibilities and Functions of the Centre

6. The key responsibilities of the Centre shall be as follows:

consistent monitoring of the national information space and activities of mass media, including modern information and communication technologies, satellite systems, the global information network Internet, other electronic means of delivery and dissemination of information, as well as printed products;

analysis of compliance of information materials disseminated in mass media with laws of the Republic aimed at protecting interests of the individual, society and the State in the information sphere, preventing destructive, negative information and psychological influence on public conscience, maintaining and ensuring succession of national and cultural traditions and heritage;

identification of problems preventing effective functioning of national mass media outlets, elaboration of proposals on creating necessary conditions for comprehensive development of the domestic information market;

summarization and provision of recommendations, warnings and opinions regarding violations of legal requirements, identified as a result of monitoring of activities of service providers in the sphere of mass communications;

improvement of the monitoring system in the sphere of mass communications alongside with introduction of new technologies, creation of information resources, systems and means of information delivery and dissemination;

development of proposals on improvement of legislation, regulatory support in the information sphere, development of mass media infrastructure and skilled personnel training with due regard to best international practices, modern requirements and standards;

See the previous wording.

maintenance of the Register of Information Resources of the Global Information Network Internet, containing information prohibited for dissemination by laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

organization of a comprehensive expert examination in the sphere of information and mass communications in accordance with the law in the capacity of the Working Body.

(paragraph 6 amended by adding unnumbered paragraphs in accordance with Decree No 707 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of September 5, 2018 — National Database of Legislation, 06.09.2018, Iss. 09/18/707/1839)

7. In accordance with its mission, the Centre shall perform the following functions:

organizing and performing regular monitoring of compliance with legal requirements in the sphere of production, creation, processing, relay, broadcasting and storage of radio and television programs, other mass information with use of information and communication technologies (space and satellite communication, data communications networks, including the Internet, etc.), as well as production, dissemination and storage of periodical printed and book products, audio-visual products and phonograms for public use on any carriers (audio and video tapes, video CDs, etc.);

See the previous wording.

duly organizing and performing monitoring of compliance of mass media outlets (including Internet publications and online versions of print media) and other service providers in the sphere of mass communications with license requirements and registration conditions, legislation in the sphere of production and dissemination of mass information and advertisement, competition laws, as well as technical regulations and standards;

(the third unnumbered paragraph of paragraph 7 as amended by Decree No 45 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of March 3, 2014 — CL RU, 2014, Iss. 10, Art. 105)

See the previous wording.

placing identity data of the Internet information resources, containing information prohibited for dissemination by laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan, in the Register, and their removal from there;

organizing and performing comprehensive examination of information materials disseminated in mass media for compliance with laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan aimed at protecting interests of the individual, society and the State in the information sphere, maintaining ethnic and cultural traditions and heritage of peoples of Uzbekistan;

(paragraph 7 amended by adding the fourth and the fifth unnumbered paragraphs in accordance with Decree No 707 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of September 5, 2018 — National Database of Legislation, 06.09.2018, Iss. 09/18/707/1839)

developing and duly applying different methods of organization of legal compliance monitoring in the sphere of mass communications with use of modern information and communication technologies;

preparing proposals on giving holders of licenses and state registration certificates recommendations on carrying out timely corrective actions;

preparing proposals on improvement of the system for preventing dissemination by information and communication systems of the Republic of information aimed at undermining the sense of national identity, abandoning historical and national traditions and customs, destabilization of socio-political situation, disruption of interethnic and interfaith concord;

identifying in the national information space materials containing public calls to violent change of the constitutional order, violation of territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Republic of Uzbekistan, incitement of social, ethnic, racial and religious hatred, other encroachments on the constitutional system, as well as information aimed at propaganda of war, violence, pornography and cruelty, ideas of terrorism and religious extremism;

identifying intended or unintended actions of media outlets, having destructive influence and causing harm to physical and mental health of population;

duly preparing and submitting to respective public and administrative authorities opinions on activities of media outlets and proposals on elimination of identified shortcomings and violations;

preparing proposals regarding decisions on suspension, termination or withdrawal of licenses for the right to carry out activities and certificates of state registration of mass media outlets;

preparing proposals and participating in development of draft laws and regulations in the sphere of mass communications;

organizing training, retraining and advanced training of the Centre employees, participating in workshops, conferences dedicated to development and operation of mass media outlets;

developing measures to improve the Centre's performance by applying modern activity management methods, introducing modern technologies based on best international practices in the sphere of mass media monitoring;

cooperating with public and administrative authorities, public organizations and other organizations on issues within the remit of the Centre;

See the previous wording.

ensuring, when necessary and appropriate, timely preparation and submission of monitoring results and additional information and analytical materials to Committee meetings for consideration, and preparing corresponding opinions.

(paragraph 7 amended by adding the fifteenth unnumbered paragraph in accordance with Decree No 273 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of October 1, 2011 — CL RU, 2011, Iss. 40, Art. 415)

Performance of other functions in the information sphere as provided for by laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

III. Rights of the Centre

8. The Centre shall be entitled to:

receive in due manner free specimen copies of printed periodicals, book products, documentary materials (films, cassettes, discs, magazines, registration logs of television and radio programs, etc.) aired by television and radio, materials related to production and placement of advertisements;

when appropriate and in due order, organize expert examinations, involving representatives of government bodies and public organizations, educational and research establishments dealing with mass media issues.

based on monitoring results, submit to public and administrative authorities proposals on measures to be applied to mass media entities, publishing houses and printing offices in breach of requirements of laws and regulations, in the following cases:

a) spreading of information containing public calls to violent change of the constitutional order, violation of territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Republic of Uzbekistan, incitement of social, ethnic, racial and religious hatred, other encroachments on the constitutional system, as well as information aimed at propaganda of war, violence, pornography and cruelty, ideas of terrorism and religious extremism;

b) impairment of honour and dignity of citizens through mass media outlets, invading their privacy;

c) publication of preliminary investigation files without a written permission of a prosecutor, an investigator or an inquiry officer, advance publication of results of a concrete case prior to court passing its judgement or otherwise influencing court before its decision or judgement enters into legal force, disclosure of an informer, who provided information on condition of anonymity (unless the informer shall be disclosed by court order);

d) violation of laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan in the sphere of information and informatization;

e) violation of laws in the sphere of press, information and advertisement by state administration bodies, local public administration bodies, economic entities regardless of their forms of ownership, and by their officials;

f) in other cases of violation of mass media laws.

9. The Centre and its employees shall not be founders, co-founders or sponsors of mass media outlets, grant to or receive from them any pecuniary reward, sponsor support, nor shall they disclose any confidential information.

IV Structure and Organization of Activities of the Centre

See the previous wording.

10. The Centre shall be managed by the Head, who shall be appointed and dismissed by order of the Director General of the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information.

Labor agreement with the Head of the Centre shall be signed by the Director General of the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information.

(paragraph 10 as amended by Decree No 297 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of April 20, 2018 — National Database of Legislation, 23.04.2018, Iss. 09/18/297/1096)

11. In accordance with the legislation in place in the Republic of Uzbekistan and this Regulation, the Head of the Centre shall:

be personally responsible for the performance of responsibilities and functions by the Centre;

select and deploy staff, appoint and dismiss his deputies and heads of units in accordance with the established procedure;

See the previous wording.

approve the staffing table and the cost estimate of the Centre by agreement with the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information;

(the fourth unnumbered paragraph of paragraph 11 as amended by Decree No 297 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of April 20, 2018 — National Database of Legislation, 23.04.2018, Iss. 09/18/297/1096)

organize annual performance evaluation of the Centre personnel;

have overall charge of the Centre and its units;

issue orders, commands and instructions mandatory for all staff members;

manage all credits and assets of the Centre;

sign and cancel labor and economic agreements;

represent the Centre with full authority when interacting with public and administrative authorities, organizations, agencies, enterprises, public associations.

See the previous wording.

organize activities of the Committee as its Secretary.

(paragraph 11 amended by adding the unnumbered paragraph in accordance with Decree No 273 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of October 1, 2011 — CL RU, 2011, Iss. 40, Art. 415)

V. Property of the Centre

12. The property of the Centre is State property, owned by the Centre based on the right of economic management.

13. The property of the Centre consists of key and current assets, as well as other assets, whose value is reflected in its independent balance sheet.

See the previous wording.

14. Assets of the Centre are formed by the Fund for Development of Information and Communication Technologies under the Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and

Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan, as well as by other sources, not prohibited by laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

(paragraph 14 as amended by Decree No 171 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of June 27, 2015— CL RU, 2015, Iss. 26, Art. 338)

VI. Accounting and Reporting

15. The Centre shall perform statistical recording and accounting of results of its activity and draw statistical and financial reports in the manner and time established by law.

16. The Centre may invite an audit organization for checking its economic activity, financial accounting, compliance of accounting record keeping with statutory requirements.

See the previous wording.

17. Activities of the Centre shall be supervised by the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information through scheduled comprehensive inspections, no more often than once in two years, and when appropriate, unscheduled inspections of certain activities.

(paragraph 17 as amended by Decree No 297 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of April 20, 2018 — National Database of Legislation, 23.04.2018, Iss. 09/18/297/1096)

VII. Reorganization and Liquidation of the Centre

18. Liquidation and reorganization (merger, affiliation, separation, transformation and renaming) of the Centre shall be conducted in accordance with decisions of the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

See the previous wording.

19. In case of liquidation of the Centre, its property left after the satisfaction of claims of creditors, shall be put on the books of the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information.

(paragraph 19 as amended by Decree No 297 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of April 20, 2018 — National Database of Legislation, 23.04.2018, Iss. 09/18/297/1096)

See the previous wording.

(Annex 3 became invalid under Decree No 297 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of April 20, 2018 — National Database of Legislation, 23.04.2018, Iss. 09/18/297/1096)

(Collection of the Legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2004, Iss. 47, Art. 486; 2011, Iss. 40, Art. 415; 2012, Iss. 21, Art. 232; 2013, Iss. 34, Art. 458; 2014, Iss. 10, Art. 105; 2015, Iss. 26, Art. 338; National Database of Legislation, 23.04.2018, Iss. 09/18/297/1096, 06.09.2018, Iss. 09/18/707/1839)

**DECREE NO. 228 OF THE CABINET OF MINISTERS ON ADDITIONAL
MEASURES FOR IMPROVING THE MONITORING SYSTEM IN THE SPHERE
OF MASS COMMUNICATIONS**

(5 AUGUST 2011, AS LAST AMENDED ON 5 SEPTEMBER 2018)

In accordance with the Laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan “[On Mass Media](#)” and “[On the Principles and Guarantees of Freedom of Information](#)”, in order to effectively monitor and improve activities in the sphere of generation and dissemination of information by mass media, and to ensure information security of the individual, society and the State, the Cabinet of Ministers decrees that:

See the [previous wording](#).

1. The proposal of the Ministry of Culture and Sports Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communication of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information, the Republican Centre for Spirituality, public organizations and other organizations on establishing the Expert Committee in the Sphere of Information and Mass Communications (hereinafter – the Committee) shall be approved and the Committee shall be charged with the following key responsibilities:

(the first unnumbered paragraph of paragraph 1 as amended by [Decree No 171 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of June 27, 2015](#) — CL RU, 2015, Iss. 26, Art. 338)

examination of monitoring results for the national information space and activities of mass media, including modern information and communication technologies, satellite systems, the global information network Internet, other electronic means of delivery and dissemination of information, as well as printed products;

See the [previous wording](#).

expert examination of findings of the Centre for Mass Communications under the Agency for Information and Mass Communications, based on monitoring of compliance of information materials disseminated in mass media, with laws of the Republic aimed at protecting interests of the individual, society and the State in the information sphere, preventing destructive, negative information and psychological influence on public conscience, maintaining and ensuring succession of ethnic and cultural traditions and heritage;

(the third unnumbered paragraph of paragraph 1 as amended by [Decree No 457 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of June 3, 2019](#) — National Database of Legislation, 04.06.2019, Iss. 09/19/457/3235)

preparation and submission to respective State authorities of findings regarding violations of legal requirements by service providers in the sphere of mass communications;

identification of problems preventing effective functioning of national mass media;

development of proposals on improving the legislation in the sphere of mass communications.

2. The composition of and the [Regulation](#) on the Expert Committee in the Sphere of Information and Mass Communications shall be approved in accordance with Annex 1* and Annex 2.

* Annex 1 is not enclosed herein.

See the previous wording.

The Centre for Mass Communications under the Agency for Information and Mass Communications shall be appointed the Working Body of the Committee.

(the second unnumbered paragraph of paragraph 2 as amended by [Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of June 3, 2019](#) — National Database of Legislation, 04.06.2019, Iss. 09/19/457/3235)

3. The Uzbek Agency for Communication and Informatization, the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan in association with interested ministries and agencies shall submit to the Cabinet of Ministers proposals on amending the legislation in accordance with this Decree.

4. Compliance with this Decree shall be overseen by A.N. Aripov, Deputy Prime Minister of Uzbekistan.

SH. MIRZIYOYEV, Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Tashkent

August 5, 2011,

No 228

ANNEX 2

to Decree No 228 of the Cabinet of Ministers of August 5, 2011

REGULATION

on the Expert Committee in the Sphere of Information and Mass Communications

I. General Provisions

1. This Regulation shall regulate activity of the Expert Committee in the Sphere of Information and Mass Communications (hereinafter – the Committee).

See the previous wording.

The Centre for Mass Communications under the Agency for Information and Mass Communications shall be the Working Body of the Committee (hereinafter – the Working Body).

(the second unnumbered paragraph of paragraph 1 as amended by Decree No 171 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of June 3, 2019 — National Database of Legislation, 04.06.2019, Iss. 09/19/457/3235)

2. The Committee shall be guided in its activity by the principles of equality, freedom of expression, collective making of decisions and findings, achievement of comprehensive, complete and objective resolution of issues within its remit.

3. The Committee shall be guided in its activity by the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan, laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan, resolutions of the chambers of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan, decrees, resolutions and ordinances of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, decrees and ordinances of the cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan and other pieces of legislation, as well as by this Regulation.

II. Responsibilities of the Committee

4. The key responsibilities of the Committee shall be as follows:

examination of monitoring results for the national information space and activities of mass media, including modern information and communication technologies, satellite systems, the global information network Internet, other electronic means of delivery and dissemination of information, as well as printed products;

See the previous wording.

expert examination of findings of the Working Body based on monitoring of compliance of information materials disseminated in mass media, with laws of the Republic aimed at protecting interests of the individual, society and the State in the information sphere, preventing destructive, negative information and psychological influence on public conscience, maintaining and ensuring succession of ethnic and cultural traditions and heritage;

(the third unnumbered paragraph of paragraph 4 as amended by Decree No 233 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of August 23, 2013 — CL RU, 2013, Iss. 34, Art. 458)

preparation and submission to respective State authorities of findings regarding violations of legal requirements by service providers in the sphere of mass communications;

identification of problems preventing effective functioning of national mass media;

development of proposals on improving the legislation in the sphere of mass communications.

III. Functions of the Committee

5. In accordance with its key responsibilities, the Committee shall perform the following functions:

examine and issue opinions on compliance of media outlets with legal requirements in the sphere of mass communications, as well as production, dissemination and storage of printed periodicals and books, audio-visual products and phonograms for public use;

prepare proposals on improving the system for preventing dissemination by information and communication systems of the Republic of information aimed at undermining the sense of national identity, abandoning historical and national traditions and customs, causing destabilization of socio-political situation and disruption of interethnic and interfaith concord;

analyse and issue opinions on materials identified in the national information space as containing public calls to violent change of the constitutional order, violation of territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Republic of Uzbekistan, incitement of social, ethnic, racial and religious hatred, other encroachments on the constitutional system, as well as information aimed at propaganda of war, violence, pornography and cruelty, ideas of terrorism and religious extremism;

duly prepare and submit to respective public and administrative authorities opinions on activities of media outlets and proposals on eliminating identified shortcomings and violations;

prepare proposals and participate in development of draft laws and regulations in the sphere of mass communications;

cooperate with public and administrative authorities, public organizations and other organizations on issues within the remit of the Committee;

See the previous wording.

examine expert opinions and make decisions on including identity data of Internet information resources, containing information prohibited for dissemination by laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan, in the Register of Information Resources of the Global Information Network Internet;

(paragraph 5 amended by adding the eighth unnumbered paragraph under Decree No 707 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of September 5, 2018 — National Database of Legislation, 06.09.2018, Iss. 09/18/707/1839)

perform other functions as required by laws in the sphere of mass communications.

IV. Rights of the Committee

6. The Committee shall be entitled to:

request and receive in the prescribed manner information on issues within its remit from government bodies, public organizations and other organizations;

invite in an expert capacity representatives of government bodies, public organizations and other organizations, who have necessary special knowledge;

hear members of the Committee and responsible representatives of government bodies during its meetings and make corresponding decisions;

issue expert opinions and recommendations on issues within its remit;

propose imposing restrictions on dissemination of information materials in accordance with law;

submit to authorized government bodies proposals within its remit on amending laws in the sphere of mass communications.

See the previous wording.

examine materials and make decisions on including identity data of Internet information resources containing information prohibited for dissemination by laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan in the Register of Information Resources of the Global Information Network Internet;

(paragraph 6 amended by adding the unnumbered paragraph under Decree No 707 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of September 5, 2018 — National Database of Legislation, 06.09.2018, Iss. 09/18/707/1839)

V. Composition and Organization of Work of the Committee

7. The composition of the Committee shall be approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Depending on substance of issues under consideration, experts from government bodies, public organizations and other organizations, having respective special knowledge, may be invited to join the Committee.

8. The Committee shall have its own form. In correspondence related to the Committee's activities, letters shall be signed by the Chairperson (Vice-Chairperson) or Secretary of the Committee.

9. The Committee shall be headed by Chairperson, whose responsibilities shall include:

organization of Committee's work;

coordination of activities of Committee members aimed at performance of Committee's responsibilities;

setting of the agenda and convening of Committee meetings;

See the previous wording.

appointment of an expert (experts) to examine materials and, when necessary, defend expert opinions in courts;

(the fifth unnumbered paragraph of paragraph 9 as amended by Decree No 707 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of September 5, 2018 — National Database of Legislation, 06.09.2018, Iss. 09/18/707/1839)

organization of monitoring of compliance with Commission's decisions;

implementation of other measures to ensure effective operation of the Committee.

10. In Chairperson's absence, his responsibilities shall be performed by Vice-Chairperson.

11. Committee members shall:

participate in Committee's work;

See the previous wording.

participate in voting during decision-making by the Committee through holding meetings and summarizing their results, including in the electronic form, in the manner specified by the Committee;

(the third unnumbered paragraph of paragraph 11 as amended by Decree No 707 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of September 5, 2018 — National Database of Legislation, 06.09.2018, Iss. 09/18/707/1839)

present in due time their opinions on materials submitted for consideration;

See the previous wording.

(the fifth unnumbered paragraph withdrawn from paragraph 11 by Decree No 707 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of September 5, 2018 — National Database of Legislation, 06.09.2018, № 09/18/707/1839)

See the previous wording.

(the sixth unnumbered paragraph withdrawn from paragraph 11 by Decree No 707 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of September 5, 2018 — National Database of Legislation, 06.09.2018, Iss. 09/18/707/1839)

12. The Working Body of the Committee shall:

ensure timely preparation of all monitoring results and necessary materials for the regular meeting of the Committee and receive corresponding decisions from the Committee;

See the previous wording.

organize preparation of analytical materials and holding of Committee's meetings on issues on the agenda, including through electronic documents management in the manner determined by the Committee;

(the third unnumbered paragraph of paragraph 12 as amended by Decree No 707 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of September 5, 2018 — National Database of Legislation, 06.09.2018, Iss. 09/18/707/1839)

submit additional information and analytical materials and other data to the Committee for consideration and making decisions within its remit;

See the previous wording.

ensure timely preparation of necessary materials and their examination within 15 days from the date of their submission to the Working Body.

(paragraph 12 amended by adding the unnumbered paragraph under Decree No 707 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of September 5, 2018 — National Database of Legislation, 06.09.2018, Iss. 09/18/707/1839)

13. The Secretary of the Committee shall:

ensure preparation of all necessary documents for the regular meetings of the Committee;

organize activities of the Working Body for preparing materials for the Committee's meeting;

organize Committee's meetings on issues on the agenda;

agree with the Chairperson time and place of meetings and lists of invitees;

inform Committee members and the invitees on date, time and place of the meeting;

monitor compliance with Committee's decisions and submit monitoring results to the Committee's meeting for consideration;

See the previous wording.

execute records of the Committee and submit approved records to Committee members, interested government bodies and other organizations, including through electronic document management, in the manner determined by the Committee.

(the eighth unnumbered paragraph of paragraph 13 as amended by Decree No 707 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of September 5, 2018 — National Database of Legislation, 06.09.2018, Iss. 09/18/707/1839)

VI. Procedure for Examining and Considering Findings by the Committee

See the previous wording.

14. Following each application by individuals or legal entities, Committee Chairperson shall, within three working days from the date of receipt of materials, approve an expert (experts) from among the invited experts, at the suggestion of the Working Body of the Committee.

(Paragraph 14 as amended by Decree No 707 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of September 5, 2018 — National Database of Legislation, 06.09.2018, Iss. 09/18/707/1839)

See the previous wording.

15. The examination shall be conducted within 15 days from the date of receipt of materials.

(paragraph 15 as amended by Decree No 707 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of September 5, 2018 — National Database of Legislation, 06.09.2018, Iss. 09/18/707/1839)

See the previous wording.

16. The expert (experts) shall examine the submitted materials and present an expert opinion within five days.

(paragraph 16 as amended by Decree No 707 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of September 5, 2018 — National Database of Legislation, 06.09.2018, Iss. 09/18/707/1839)

17. The expert shall be entitled to request additional materials in the course of examination.

See the previous wording.

18. When necessary, the Committee shall consider the Working Body's activities report.

(paragraph 18 as amended by Decree No 707 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of September 5, 2018 — National Database of Legislation, 06.09.2018, Iss. 09/18/707/1839)

See the previous wording.

19. Committee's decision shall be documented in the minutes, signed by all Committee members present at the meeting, including through electronic document management, in the manner determined by the Committee.

(paragraph 19 as amended by Decree No 707 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of September 5, 2018 — National Database of Legislation, 06.09.2018, Iss. 09/18/707/1839)

See the previous wording.

20. The opinion of the expert (experts) shall indicate:

(the first unnumbered paragraph of paragraph 20 as amended by Decree No 707 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of September 5, 2018 — National Database of Legislation, 06.09.2018, № 09/18/707/1839)

opinion approval date;

rationale for examination;

subject of examination (a list of materials submitted for examination);

Committee's opinion on the carried out examination.

VII. Decision-Making and Compliance Monitoring by the Committee

See the previous wording.

21. The Committee shall hold its meetings as and when necessary.

(paragraph 21 as amended by Decree No 707 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of September 5, 2018 — National Database of Legislation, 06.09.2018, Iss. 09/18/707/1839)

22. A meeting of the Committee shall be considered duly constituted if attended at least by two thirds of its members.

23. The Committee shall pass its decisions by simple majority of votes of present members. In the event of a tie vote, the Chairman of the Committee shall have the casting vote.

24. A special opinion of a Committee member different from the Committee's decision shall be reflected in the records of the Committee or documented in writing and attached to the records.

25. Records of the Committee shall be submitted to authorized government bodies for taking measures in accordance with laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

26. The authorized government bodies shall inform the Committee about the taken measures in writing within the specified time.

27. The Committee shall systematically analyse the status of compliance with approved decisions during its meetings.

28. The original version of the Committee's opinion and its copies shall be stored in the Committee's Working Body.

29. The Committee's findings on issues within its remit shall make a basis for corresponding decisions by government bodies and other organizations.

VIII. Concluding Provisions

See the previous wording.

30. The Committee's Working Body shall handle organizational matters related to the Committee's operation and performance of expert examinations, including through electronic document management in the manner determined by the Committee.

(paragraph 30 as amended by Decree No 707 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of September 5, 2018 — National Database of Legislation, 06.09.2018, Iss. 09/18/707/1839)

31. The Committee shall submit its activity reports to the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan on a quarterly basis.

(Collection of the Legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2011, Iss. 32-33, Art. 336; 2013, Iss. 34, Art. 458; 2015, Iss. 26, Art. 338; 2017, Iss. 19, Art. 345; National Database of Legislation, 23.04.2018, Iss. 09/18/297/1096, 06.09.2018, Iss. 09/18/707/1839, 04.06.2019, Iss. 09/19/457/3235)

**DECREE NO. 297 OF THE CABINET OF MINISTERS AMENDING CERTAIN
DECISIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN
(DECREE NO. PE-5349 OF THE PRESIDENT “ON MEASURES FOR FURTHER
IMPROVEMENT OF THE SPHERE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES AND
COMMUNICATIONS” AND RESOLUTION NO. PR-3549 OF THE PRESIDENT “ON
ORGANIZING ACTIVITIES OF THE MINISTRY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES AND COMMUNICATIONS”)
(20 APRIL 2018)**

Pursuant to [Decree](#) No PE-5349 of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan of February 19, 2018 “On Measures for Further Improvement of the Sphere of Information Technologies and Communications” and [Resolution](#) No PR-3549 of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan of February 19, 2018 “On Organizing Activities of the Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan”, the Cabinet of Ministers decrees that:

1. Certain decisions of the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be amended according to the [Annex](#).
2. Ministries and agencies shall bring laws and regulations approved by them in conformity with this Decree within one month.
3. Compliance with this Decree shall be overseen by A. I. Akhmedkhadjaev, Minister for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and Information and Analytical Department for Development of Information Systems and Telecommunications under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

A. ARIPOV, Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Tashkent,

April 20, 2018,

No 297

ANNEX
to Decree No 297 of the Cabinet of Ministers of April 20, 2018

Amendments to Certain Decisions of the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan

1. The Regulation on the Procedure for Monitoring Foreign Trade Transactions, approved by Decree No 416 of the Cabinet of Ministers of September 30, 2003 (AC of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2003, Iss. 9, Art. 92) shall be amended by adding paragraph 12³ to read as follows:

“12³. Exporters shall be entitled to export goods, works (services), excluding certain goods listed by the Cabinet of Ministers, via electronic trading platforms on the Internet network without making export contracts and paying bank charges for exporting goods, works (services)”.

2. The fifth untitled paragraph of paragraph 18 of the Regulation on the Procedure for Allocating Radio Frequencies by Competition and Individual Licensing of Television and Radio Broadcasting Activities, approved by Decree No 592 of the Cabinet of Ministers of December 20, 2004 (AC of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2004, Iss. 12, Art. 109), shall be amended by replacing “the Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan” with “the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information”.

3. In Decree No 555 of the Cabinet of Ministers of November 24, 2004 “On Measures for Improving the Management Structure in the Sphere of Mass Communications” (AC of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2004, Iss. 11, Art. 108):

a) the first unnumbered paragraph of paragraph 1 shall be reworded to read as follows:

“Government body ‘Centre for Monitoring in the Sphere of Mass Communications’ under the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information (hereinafter – the Centre) shall be established with the personnel ceiling of 89 people”;

b) in paragraph 2:

the first unnumbered paragraph shall be amended by replacing “the Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan” with “the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information”;

the third unnumbered paragraph shall be reworded to read as follows:

“To determine that activities of regional branches of the Centre shall be coordinated by local offices of the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information”;

c) the fourth unnumbered paragraph of paragraph 5 shall be reworded to read as follows:

“activities of the Centre for Monitoring in the Sphere of Mass Communications under the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information shall be financed by the Fund for Development of Information and Communication Technologies, *inter alia*, using its proceeds from state license duties in the sphere of communications and informatization, designated for the maintenance of control and monitoring authorities, within the budget approved by the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information on agreement with the Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Uzbekistan”;

d) [paragraph 7](#) shall be reworded to read as follows:

“7. The Uzbek Agency for Press and Information shall put the Centre on the list of organizations, receiving free specimen copies of printed and book products”;

e) in [Annex 2](#):

[the first unnumbered paragraph](#) of paragraph 1, as well as [paragraphs 2 and 19](#) shall be amended by replacing “the Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan” with “the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information”;

[the first unnumbered paragraph](#) of paragraph 4 shall be amended by replacing “the Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan” with “the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information”;

[paragraph 5](#) shall be reworded to read as follows:

“5. Activities of the Centre for Monitoring in the Sphere of Mass Communications under the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information shall be financed by the Fund for Development of Information and Communication Technologies, *inter alia*, using its proceeds from state license duties in the sphere of communications and informatization designated for the maintenance of control and monitoring authorities, within the budget approved by the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information on agreement with the Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Uzbekistan.”;

[the first](#) and the [second unnumbered paragraphs of](#) paragraph 10 shall be amended by replacing “the Minister for Development of Information Technologies and Communications” and “the Minister for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan” with “the Director General of the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information” and “the Director General of the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information”;

[the fourth unnumbered paragraph](#) of paragraph 11 and [paragraph 17](#) shall be amended by replacing “the Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan” with “the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information”;

f) [Annex 3](#) shall be deemed to have lost force.

4. In [Regulation](#) on the Procedure for Creating Information Systems of Government Bodies, approved by Decree No 256 of the Cabinet of Ministers of November 22, 2005 (AC of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2005, Iss. 11, Art. 62):

a) [paragraph 3](#) shall be worded as follows:

“3. The information system of government bodies shall be created for the purpose of enhancing effectiveness, efficiency and transparency of their activities, expanding the range and improving quality of electronic government services provided by them, promoting interagency electronic interaction with other government bodies, legal entities and individuals by forming unified electronic registries and databases and active application of modern information and communication technologies.”;

b) [the sixth unnumbered paragraph](#) of paragraph 5 shall be worded as follows:

“the opportunity for integration with the interagency integration platform of the Electronic Government System to ensure access of government bodies and other organizations to electronic government services based on “one stop-shop” principle, when a government body providing electronic services obtains required documents and information independently, without applicant’s participation, through the interagency electronic interaction”.

5. [Paragraph 9](#) of Regulation on the Procedure for Creating, Examining and Placing Information Resources on the Ziyonet Technological Platform, approved by Decree No 282 of the Cabinet of Ministers of December 28, 2008 (AC of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2005, Iss. 12, Art. 66) shall be amended by replacing “f the Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan” with “the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information”.

6. In [Regulation](#) on the Procedure for State Registration of Mass Media in the Republic of Uzbekistan, approved by Decree No 214 of the Cabinet of Ministers of October 11, 2016 (AC of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2006, Iss. 10, Art. 76):

a) the [third unnumbered paragraph](#) of paragraph 8 shall be amended by replacing “the Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan” with “the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information”;

b) [paragraph 16](#) shall be amended by replacing “the Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan” with “the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information”;

c) [Annex 4](#) shall be amended by replacing “the Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan” with “the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information”.

7. [Paragraph 2](#) of the Annex to Decree No 132 of the Cabinet of Ministers of June 28, 2007 “On Measures for Improving Legal Compliance Monitoring in the Sphere of Mass Communications” (AC of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2007, Iss. 6, Art. 36) shall be amended by replacing “the Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan” with “the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information”.

8. In [Decree](#) No 228 of the Cabinet of Ministers of August 5, 2011 “On Additional Measures for Improving the Monitoring System in the Sphere of Mass Communications” (CL of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2011, No 32-33, p. 336):

a) the [third unnumbered paragraph](#) of paragraph 1 and the [second unnumbered paragraph](#) of paragraph 2 shall be amended by replacing “the Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan” with “the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information”;

b) the fourteenth unnumbered paragraph of Annex 1 shall be worded as follows:

“position – head of the Centre for Monitoring in the Sphere of Mass Communications under the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information, Secretary of the Committee”.

9. The [first, the sixth](#) and the [seventh unnumbered paragraphs](#) of paragraph 1, the [first](#) and the [second unnumbered paragraphs](#) of paragraph 2 of Decree No 24 of the Cabinet of Ministers of February 1, 2012 “On Measures to Create Conditions for Further Development of Computerization

and Information and Communication Technologies at the Local Level” (AC of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2012, Iss.2, Art. 3) shall be amended by replacing “Computerization Centre” with “Centre for Development of Information and Communication Technologies”.

10. In Regulation on the Procedure for Forming and Using Assets of the Fund for Development of Information and Library Facilities, approved by Decree No 98 of the Cabinet of Ministers of April 4, 2012 (AC of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2012, Iss. 4, Art. 22), the [second unnumbered paragraph](#) of paragraph 5 shall be worded as follows:

“60 percent — for introducing new information and library and information and communication technologies and computer software in the work of the National Library and information and library facilities of the Republic, enhancing their material and technical infrastructure, and financing activities of the Republican Information and Library Centre”.

11. [Paragraph 5](#) of Regulation on the Fund for Development of Information and Communication Technologies, approved by Decree No 356 of the Cabinet of Ministers of December 19, 2012 (AC of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2012, Iss. 12, Art. 87) shall be amended by:

a) withdrawing the [thirteenth unnumbered paragraph](#);

b) counting the [fourteenth and the twenty-fourth unnumbered paragraphs](#) as the thirteenth and the twenty-third respectively;

c) adding the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth unnumbered paragraphs to read as follows:

“implementation of information technologies and communication development programs in regions, as well as a targeted list of priority projects, approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

implementation of measures to attract international consulting firms and experts in the sphere of information technologies and communications, development of own IT infrastructure and material and technical infrastructure, offering material incentives to employees of the Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications, as well as heads of organizational units of government bodies and other state-funded organizations, responsible for development of information technologies and communications according to the established procedure”.

12. Amend the Model [Regulations](#) on Material Incentives for Staff Employees of Specialized Organizational Units of Ministries, Agencies and Other Organizations, Responsible for Introduction and Development of Modern Information and Communication Technologies, approved by Decree No 18 of the Cabinet of Ministers of January 25, 2013 (AC of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2013, Iss. 1, Art. 4) by:

a) adding the fifth unnumbered paragraph in [paragraph 4](#) to read as follows:

“Decisions on offering material incentives to heads and employees of specialized organizational units shall be made considering results of their performance assessment, conducted in accordance with the established procedure”;

b) replacing “up to 50%” with “minimum 100%” in [paragraph 8](#).

13. Paragraph 12 of the Uzbek version of the [Annex](#) to Decree No 21 of the Cabinet of Ministers of January 31, 2014 (CL of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2014, Iss. 6, Art. 66) shall be amended by replacing “Ахборот технологиялари ва коммуникацияларини ривожлантириш вазирлигининг” with “Ўзбекистон матбуот ва ахборот агентлигининг”.

14. [Paragraph 18](#) of the Annex to Decree No 92 of the Cabinet of Ministers of April 14, 2014 (AC of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2014, Iss 4, Art. 35) shall be amended by replacing “the State Inspectorate for Monitoring in the Sphere of Communications, Informatization and Telecommunication Technologies” with “the Inspectorate for Monitoring in the Sphere of Communication, Informatization and Telecommunication Technologies under the Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications”.

15. In [Decree](#) No 102 of the Cabinet of Ministers of April 23, 2014 “On Approving the Regulation on the Procedure for Examining the Status of Introduction and Development of Information and Communication Technologies in the Work of State and Economic Management Bodies, Local Government Bodies” (AC of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2014, No 4, p.38):

a) the [first unnumbered paragraph](#) of paragraph 2 shall be amended by replacing “the State Inspectorate for Monitoring in the Sphere of Communications, Informatization and Telecommunication Technologies” with “the Inspectorate for Monitoring in the Sphere of Communication, Informatization and Telecommunication Technologies”;

b) the [second unnumbered paragraph](#) of paragraph 3 shall be amended by replacing “the State Inspectorate for Monitoring in the Sphere of Communications, Informatization and Telecommunication Technologies” with “the Inspectorate for Monitoring in the Sphere of Communication, Informatization and Telecommunication Technologies”;

c) the [first unnumbered paragraph](#) of paragraph 2 of the Annex shall be amended by replacing “the State Inspectorate for Monitoring in the Sphere of Communications, Informatization and Telecommunication Technologies” with “the Inspectorate for Monitoring in the Sphere of Communication, Informatization and Telecommunication Technologies”.

16. [Paragraph 23](#) of Annex 1 to Decree No 120 of the Cabinet of Ministers of May 13, 2015 (AC of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2015, Iss. 5, Art.37) shall be amended by replacing “the State Inspectorate for Monitoring in the Sphere of Communications, Informatization and Telecommunication Technologies” with “the Inspectorate for Monitoring in the Sphere of Communication, Informatization and Telecommunication Technologies”.

17. In [Decree](#) No 259 of the Cabinet of Ministers of September 8, 2015 “On Measures for Implementation of the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan No LRU-385 of May 22, 2015 ‘On Amending the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Electronic Commerce’” (AC of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2015, Iss. 9, Art.78):

a) [paragraph 1](#) shall be amended by replacing the word “economy” with the phrase “for development of information technologies and communications”;

b) the [first unnumbered paragraph](#) of paragraph 2 shall be amended by replacing the word “economy” with the phrase “for development of information technologies and communications”;

c) [paragraph 1](#) of the Annex shall be deemed to have lost force.

18. The [fourth unnumbered paragraph](#) of paragraph 7 of Decree No 587 of the Cabinet of Ministers of August 4, 2017 “On Measures for Organizing Activities of the Office of the Commissioner for the Rights and Legal Interests of Business Entities” (CL of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2017, Iss. 32, Art. 810) shall be amended by replacing “the Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan” with “the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information”.

19. Paragraph 35 of Annex 1 to Decree No 728 of the Cabinet of Ministers of August 5, 2017 (CL of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2017, Iss. 38, Art.1036) shall be amended by replacing “the State Inspectorate for Monitoring in the Sphere of Communications, Informatization and Telecommunication Technologies” with “the Inspectorate for Monitoring in the Sphere of Communication, Informatization and Telecommunication Technologies”.

20. The [fourth unnumbered paragraph](#) of paragraph 2 of Decree No 1005 of the Cabinet of Ministers of December 21, 2017 “On Amending Certain Decisions of the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan” shall be amended by replacing “the Ministry or Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan” with “the Uzbek Agency for Press and Information”.

21. [Paragraph 2](#) of the Regulation on the Procedure for Registering Export Contracts, Approved by Decree No 1006 of the Cabinet of Ministers of December 21, 2017, shall be amended by adding the second unnumbered paragraph to read as follows:

“Business entities shall be entitled to export goods, works (services), excluding certain goods listed by the Cabinet of Ministers, via electronic trading platforms on the Internet network without making export contracts and paying bank charges for exporting goods, works (services).

See the [previous wording](#).

(Paragraph 22 became invalid by Decree no. 457 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of June 3, 2019 — National Database of Legislation, 04.06.2019, Iss. 09/19/457/3235)

(National Database of Legislation, 23.04.2018, Iss. 09/18/297/1096, 04.06.2019, Iss. 09/19/457/3235)

**DECREE NO. 707 OF THE CABINET OF MINISTERS ON MEASURES FOR
IMPROVING INFORMATION SECURITY IN THE GLOBAL INFORMATION
NETWORK INTERNET**

(5 SEPTEMBER 2018, AS LAST AMENDED ON 15 JANUARY 2019)

In accordance with the [Law](#) of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Informatization”, and in order to implement measures for improving information security system in the global information network Internet (hereinafter – the Internet) and protect interests of the individual, society and the State in the information sphere, the Cabinet of Ministers decrees that:

1. It shall be taken into consideration that under [Article 12¹](#) of the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Informatization”, access to Internet websites and (or) webpages can be restricted by the designated authority – the Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan, if the websites and (or) webpages are used for:

calling to violent change of the constitutional order, territorial integrity of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

propaganda of war, violence and terrorism, as well as ideas of religious extremism, separatism and fundamentalism;

disclosure of information constituting state secret or any other secret protected by law;

dissemination of information, inciting national, ethnic, racial or religious hatred, impairing honour and dignity or business reputation of citizens, invading their privacy;

See the [previous wording](#).

propaganda of narcotic substances, their analogues, psychotropic substances and precursors;

(the sixth unnumbered paragraph of paragraph 1 as amended by [Decree No 34 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of January 15, 2019](#) — National Database of Legislation, 16.01.2019, Iss. 09/19/34/2486)

propaganda of pornography;

commission of other actions, entailing criminal and other responsibility in compliance with law.

2. The following shall be subject to approval:

Regulation on Restricting Access to Websites and (or) Webpages of the Global Information Network Internet, Containing Information Prohibited for Dissemination by Laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan, in accordance with [Annex 1](#);

the access restriction pattern for websites and (or) webpages of the global information network Internet, containing information prohibited for dissemination by laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan, in accordance with [Annex 2](#).

See the previous wording

3. The Centre for Mass Communications under the Agency for Information and Mass Communications shall be authorized to create and maintain the Register of Information Resources of the Global Information Network Internet, containing information prohibited for dissemination by laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereinafter – the Register).

(paragraph 3 as amended by Decree No 457 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of June 3, 2019 — National Database of Legislation, 04.06.2019, Iss. 09/19/457/3235)

4. The Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall:

take necessary organizational and technical measures to restrict access to Internet information resources listed on the Register;

develop and introduce within three months an information system to ensure interagency information exchange for maintaining the Register and taking prompt actions for restricting access to Internet information resources, listed on the Register.

5. Certain decisions of the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be amended in accordance with [Annex 3](#).

6. Sh. M. Sadikov, Minister for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and L. Kh. Tangriev, Director General of the Agency for Information and Mass Communications shall oversee the compliance with this Decree.

A. Aripov, Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Tashkent,

September 5, 2018,

No 707

REGULATION

on Restricting Access to Websites and (or) Webpages of the Global Information Network Internet, Containing Information Prohibited for Dissemination by Laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Chapter 1. General Provisions

1. This Regulation defines the procedure for restricting access to websites and (or) webpages of the global information network Internet (hereinafter — Internet information resources), containing information prohibited for dissemination by laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereinafter — prohibited information).

2. The effect of this Provision extends to all Internet information resources, accessible in the Republic of Uzbekistan.

3. The main definitions used in this Provision are as follows:

identity data of the Internet information resource — unique domain names, uniform resource locators and web addresses that allow identifying information resources of the global information network Internet;

restriction of access — a set of organizational, software and hardware measures, aimed at terminating users' access to a corresponding Internet information resource in the Republic of Uzbekistan;

the Register of Information Resources of the Global Information Network Internet, containing prohibited information (hereinafter — the Register) — a list of Internet information resources containing prohibited information.

4. Access to Internet information resources shall be restricted according to the following pattern:

identification of Internet information resources, containing prohibited information;

placing identity data of the Internet information resources, containing prohibited information, on the Register;

restricting access to the Internet information resource Internets.

Chapter 2. Identification of Internet Information Resources, Containing Prohibited Information

See the previous wording

5. In order to identify Internet information resources, containing prohibited information, the Centre for Mass Communications under the Agency for Information and Mass Communications (hereinafter — the Centre) shall carry out monitoring of Internet information resources in accordance with the statutory procedure.

(paragraph 5 as amended by Decree No 457 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of June 3, 2019 — National Database of Legislation, 04.06.2019, Iss. 09/19/457/3235)

6. Monitoring of Internet information resources shall be also conducted on the basis of applications of individuals and legal entities, submitted to the Centre in due order.

7. If as a result of monitoring the Centre identifies Internet information resources, containing prohibited information, it shall prepare within one working day an opinion concerning the presence of prohibited information in the corresponding information resources.

8. The opinion of the Centre shall indicate:

opinion approval date;

rationale for monitoring;

subject of monitoring (a list of information resources, containing prohibited information);

findings of monitoring.

9. The Centre may request the Expert Committee in the Sphere of Information and Mass Communications (hereinafter – the Expert Committee), established by Decree No 228 of the Cabinet of Ministers of August 5, 2011, to examine findings of monitoring of Internet information resources.

10. An opinion of the Centre or a decision of the Expert Committee that constituted grounds for placing identity data of an Internet information resource on the Register may be appealed against in court.

Chapter 3. Procedure for Placing Identity Data of Internet Information Resources on the Register

11. The Register shall be created and maintained by the Centre in the electronic format.

12. Identity data of an Internet information resource, containing prohibited information, shall be placed on the Register on grounds of:

Centre's opinion that the Internet information resource contains prohibited information;

Expert Committee's decision, recognizing information disseminated by the Internet information resource as prohibited.

13. Having prepared an opinion or received a corresponding decision from the Expert Committee, the Centre shall immediately place identity data of the Internet information resource containing prohibited information on the Register with obligatory reference to the respective opinion (decision).

14. In case of modification of identity data of the information resource placed on the Register, the modified resource locators shall be placed on the Register based on the previous opinion of the Centre or decision of the Expert Committee.

Chapter 4. Restriction of Access to Internet Information Resources

15. The Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereinafter— the designated authority) shall be authorized to restrict access to Internet information resources.

16. The designated authority shall take a range of organizational, software and hardware measures for restricting access to the Internet information resources placed on the Register.

17. Access shall be restricted only to the Internet information resources whose identity data have been placed on the Register.

18. Access shall be restricted by implementing corresponding measures within twelve hours from the time of placement of identity data of respective Internet information resources on the Register.

19. The designated body shall bring to knowledge of users within the Republic of Uzbekistan, seeking access to Internet information resources restricted on the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the following:

information that identity data of the respective Internet information resource were placed on the Register;

contact information for communications.

Chapter 5. The Procedure for Removing Identity Data of Internet Information Resources from the Register

20. Identity data of an Internet information resource shall be removed by the Centre from the Register based on:

written (electronic) notification of the owner of the Internet information resource about removal of prohibited information from the respective information resource;

final judgement of a court, invalidating or cancelling the Centre's opinion or the Expert Committee's decision that constituted grounds for placing the identity data of the Internet information resource on the Register.

At the same time, history of respective data with indication of date and time of their change shall be stored in the Register.

21. The Centre, within twenty-four hours from the receipt of the Internet information resource owner's notification about removal of prohibited information from the respective information resource, shall check this fact and remove the identity data of the Internet information resource from the Register.

22. The designated body shall lift restriction of access to the Internet information resource within twenty-four hours from removal of its identity data from the Register.

Chapter 6. Access to the Register Data

23. Access to the Register data shall be granted to public and administrative bodies within their remits, as well as to legal entities and individuals based on requests for information about Internet information resources owned by them.

See the previous wording

24. The procedure for granting access to the Register data shall be determined by the Agency for Information and Mass Communications.

(paragraph 24 as amended by Decree No 457 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of June 3, 2019 — National Database of Legislation, 04.06.2019, Iss. 09/19/457/3235)

Chapter 7. Final Provisions

25. Violation of the requirements of this Regulation shall entail liability imposed by law.

ANNEX 2

to Decree No 707 of the Cabinet of Ministers of September 5, 2018

PATTERN

for restricting access to websites and (or) webpages of the global information network Internet, containing information prohibited for dissemination by laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan

See the previous wording

Stages	Entities	Measures	Execution Period
Stage 1	Centre for Mass Communications	Carries out monitoring of the global information network Internet (hereinafter – the Internet).	On a full-time basis (24 hours)
	Individual or legal entity	Applies in due order to the Centre for Mass Communication, indicating Internet websites and (or) webpages containing information prohibited for dissemination by laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereinafter – prohibited information).	On a full-time basis
	Centre for Mass Communications	Identifies Internet information resources containing prohibited information.	On a full-time basis (24 hours)
Stage 2	Centre for Mass Communications	Prepares opinions on presence of prohibited information in Internet information resources.	Within one working day from detection
	Centre for Mass Communications	Submits findings of monitoring of Internet information resources to the Expert Committee in the Sphere of Information and Mass Communications.	As and when necessary (within one working day)
	Expert Committee in the Sphere of Information and Mass Communications	Considers received findings. Makes decisions for or against recognizing information indicated in respective application as prohibited. Submits its decision to the Expert Committee.	Within the time limits set by the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan
Stage 3	Centre for Mass Communications	Places identity data of Internet information resources, containing prohibited information, on the Register with reference to the Centre’s opinion or Expert	Immediately

		Committee's decision.	
Stage 4	Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications	Restricts access to Internet information resources listed on the Register.	Within 12 hours
Stage 5	Owner of the Internet information resource	Removes prohibited information from the Internet information resource and notifies the Centre about the information removal in written (electronic) form. Appeals to court against the Centre's opinion or Expert Committee's decision about the presence of prohibited information on the Internet information resource.	Within the time limits set by law
Stage 6	Centre for Mass Communications	Removes identity data of the Internet information resource from the Register based on: written (electronic) notification of the owner of the Internet information resource about removal of prohibited information from the respective information resource; final judgement of a court, invalidating or cancelling the Centre's opinion or the Expert Committee's decision that constituted grounds for placing the identity data of the Internet information resource on the Register.	Within 24 hours
Stage 7	Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications	Lifts restriction of access to the Internet information resource after the removal of its identity data from the Register.	Within 24 hours

(Annex 2 as amended by Decree No 457 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan of June 3, 2019 — National Database of Legislation, 04.06.2019, Iss. 09/19/457/3235)

ANNEX 3

to Decree No 707 of the Cabinet of Ministers of September 5, 2018

Amendments to Certain Decrees of the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan

1. Decree No 555 of the Cabinet of Ministers of November 24, 2004 “On Measures for Improving the Management Structure in the Sphere of Mass Communications” (CL of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2004, Iss. 47, 486) shall be amended by:

a) adding unnumbered paragraphs to Paragraph 1 to read as follows:

“maintenance of the Register of Information Resources of the Global Information Network Internet, containing information prohibited for dissemination by laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

organization of a comprehensive expert examination in the sphere of information and mass communications in accordance with law in the capacity of the Working Body”;

b) rewording the second unnumbered paragraph of paragraph 2 to read as follows:

“The Centre is a legal entity, interacting in due course on the issues within its remit with public and administrative authorities, non-governmental non-profit organizations, entities of the information services market, maintaining the Register of Information Resources of the Global Information Network Internet, containing information prohibited for dissemination by laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and performing functions of the Working Body of the Expert Committee in the Sphere of Information and Mass Communications;

c) in Annex 2:

Paragraph 6 shall be amended by adding unnumbered paragraphs to read as follows:

“maintenance of the Register of Information Resources of the Global Information Network Internet, containing information prohibited for dissemination by laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

organization of a comprehensive expert examination in the sphere of information and mass communications in accordance with the law in the capacity of the Working Body”;

Paragraph 7 shall be amended by adding the fourth and the fifth unnumbered paragraphs to read as follows:

“placing of identity data of Internet information resources, containing information prohibited for dissemination by laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan, in the Register, and their removal from there;

organization and performance of a comprehensive examination of information materials disseminated in mass media for compliance with laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan aimed at protecting interests of the individual, society and the State in the information sphere, maintaining ethnic and cultural traditions and heritage of peoples of Uzbekistan”;

the unnumbered paragraphs from the fourth to the sixteenth shall be regarded as the sixth to the eighteenth.

2. Decree No 228 of the Cabinet of Ministers of August 5, 2011 “On Improving the Monitoring System in the Sphere of Mass Communications” (CL of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2011, Iss. 8, p. 70) shall be amended by:

a) removing the tenth unnumbered paragraph from Annex 1;

b) In Annex 2:

paragraph 5 shall be amended by adding the eighth unnumbered paragraph to read as follows:

“examine expert opinions and make decisions on including identity data of Internet information resources, containing information prohibited for dissemination by laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan, in the Register of Information Resources of the Global Information Network Internet”;

the eighth unnumbered paragraph shall be regarded as the ninth;

paragraph 6 shall be amended by adding the unnumbered paragraph to read as follows:

“examine materials and make decisions on including identity data of Internet information resources containing information prohibited for dissemination by laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan in the Register of Information Resources of the Global Information Network Internet,”;

the fifth unnumbered paragraph of paragraph 9 shall be reworded to read as follows:

“appointment of an expert (experts) to examine materials and, when necessary, defend expert opinions in courts”;

in paragraph 11:

the third unnumbered paragraph shall be amended by adding the words “through holding meetings and summarizing their results, including in the electronic form, in the manner specified by the Committee”;

the fifth and the sixth unnumbered paragraphs shall be removed;

in paragraph 12:

the third unnumbered paragraph shall be amended by adding the words “including through electronic documents management in the manner determined by the Committee”;

the unnumbered paragraph shall be added to read as follows:

“ensure timely preparation of necessary materials and their examination within 15 days from the date of their submission to the Working Body”;

the eighth unnumbered paragraph of paragraph 13 shall be amended by adding the words “including through electronic documents management in the manner determined by the Committee”;

paragraphs 14 – 16 shall be reworded to read as follows:

“14. Following each application by individuals or legal entities, Committee Chairperson shall, within three working days from the date of receipt of materials, approve an expert (experts) from among the invited experts, at the suggestion of the Working Body of the Committee.

15. Examination shall be conducted within 15 days from the date of receipt of materials.

16. The expert (experts) shall examine the submitted materials and present an expert opinion within five days;

paragraphs 18 and 19 shall be reworded to read as follows:

“18. When necessary, the Committee shall consider the Working Body’s activities report.

19. Committee’s decision shall be documented in the minutes, signed by all Committee members present at the meeting, including through electronic document management, in the manner determined by the Committee.”;

in paragraph 20 the word “Committee” shall be replaced with the word “expert (experts)”;

in paragraph 21 the words “upon the receipt of materials for examination” shall be replaced with the words “as and when necessary”;

paragraph 30 shall be reworded to read as follows:

“Organizational matters related to the Committee’s operation and performance of the expert examination shall be dealt with by the Committee's Working Body, including through electronic document management in the manner determined by the Committee”.

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