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COMPETITION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN
GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN

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EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

In pursuance of the powers conferred by Section 5 read with Section 9 of the Competition Act, 2010 (the Act), the Competition Commission of Pakistan (the Commission) hereby grants exemption from the application of Section 4 of the Act, details whereof are given here below:-

DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT

Applicant: All Pakistan Newspapers Society Limited (APNS)
Business Address: ST-1/E, KDA Scheme No. 36, Gulistan-e-Jauhar, Karachi.

Type of Agreement/ Decision/Conduct: APNS Rules and Regulations for Accreditation

Date entered into: January 26th 2019 (through latest amendments)

DETAILS OF THE EXEMPTION

Granted until: 30-05-2023

Condition(s):

1. By virtue of exemption granted here under, the Applicant (APNS) shall not engage directly or indirectly in any abusive practice (s) and/or conduct(s), prohibited under Section 3 and 4 of the Competition Act, 2010 including but not limited to:-
 - (i) Imposing unfair restrictive condition(s)
 - (ii) Applying dissimilar condition(s) to equivalent transaction or placing other practices at competitive disadvantage
 - (iii) Practicing exclusionary conduct, boycotting or refusal to deal
2. The exemption is granted for a period of two (2) years i.e. until May 30th 2023;
3. The applicant shall provide details of the Trade discounts/Commission mutually agreed by and between the accredited agencies and Member publications, to the Commission, whenever materialized;
4. The Applicant shall intimate the Commission, in case of any comments and/or concerns received with respect to newly amended rules and regulations;





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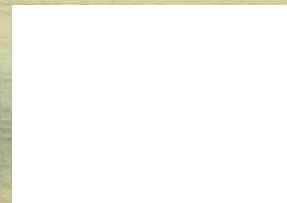
5. The Applicant shall intimate the Commission, in case of any amendment(s) made to the new rules;
6. The Commission reserves the right to impose any other additional condition(s); in the event of any material change of facts and circumstances and the onus of intimating any or all such change(s) shall be on the APNS; and
7. Breach of a condition shall have the effect of cancellation of this exemption.

Without prejudice to the generality of Section 6 of the Act, the grantee of the exemption shall inform the Commission forthwith and seek clearance for continuation of the exemption if there is any material change, *inter alia*, in: (i) the terms of the agreement; (ii) the market share of the parties to the agreement; or (iii) the circumstances in the market in which the parties are operating.

Granted on this the 26th day of May 2021 at Islamabad.



Seal of the Commission



Syed Umair Javed
Registrar
Competition Commission of Pakistan
Government of Pakistan
Islamabad

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