OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF THE FEDERATION OF BiH

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF FEDERATION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA FOR LEGISLATION AND HARMONIZATION WITH EUROPEAN UNION REGULATIONS

In the accordance with the Article 2 of the Decree on amendment to the Decree on establishment of the Federal News Agency ("Official Gazette of the Federation of BiH", number 14/12), and in relation to Article 91 paragraph 1 of the Rules of procedure of Government of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina – Consolidated text ("Official Gazette of the Federation of BiH", no. 6/10, 37/10 and 62/10), Office of Government of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina for legislation and harmonization with European Union regulations established a Consolidated text of the Decree on establishment of the Federal News Agency, as follows

DECREE
ON ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEDERAL NEWS AGENCY
-CONSOLIDATED TEXT-

I – BASIC PROVISIONS

Article 1

For the purposes of performing news agency activities that hold significance for the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (hereinafter: the Federation), Federation and other bodies and institutions, News Agency of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina is established under name “Federal News Agency” (hereinafter: Agency), as a public institution.

Article 2

General regulations on labour and collective contracts apply to the Agency, unless otherwise stated by this Decree.

Article 3

Agency is a legal person. Headquarters of the Agency is situated in Sarajevo. Agency has organizational unit in Mostar.
II- ACTIVITIES OF THE AGENCY AND FUNDING

Article 4

Agency performs following activities of significance for the Federation:

- Collecting, processing and distributing information on activities of the Federation, cantonal, city and municipal government bodies, as well as other bodies and institutions in the Federation,
- Collecting, processing and distributing information on economic, political, cultural, sport and other events and instances in the Federation, i.e. in Bosnia and Herzegovina, neighbor and other states and abroad,
- Cooperation with local and foreign news organizations and agencies,
- Collecting, processing and distributing information on articles and publications of local and foreign public journals on events and instances in the Federation, i.e. in Bosnia and Herzegovina and abroad,
- Performing other news agency activities for the Federation government bodies.

Article 5

Within scope of its activities the Agency can perform certain news agency activities for government bodies, business entities, other legal persons and individuals for a fee. Fee for performing activities from Paragraph 1 of this Article is established via contract between the Agency and user of services.
Agency can independently use funds realized via its own activity from Paragraph 1 of this Article.
Agency can acquire funds through donations and other forms of voluntary donations.

Article 6

Resources for financing of activities of the Agency are secured in the Budget of the Federation.

Article 7

Agency is responsible for its commitments with funds on its disposal.
III – ORGANIZATION OF THE AGENCY

Article 8

Organization and operations of the Agency are determined by Rules of the Agency.

Article 9

Agency can have branch offices outside of its headquarters in the country and abroad.

IV – BODIES OF THE AGENCY

Article 10

Governance body of the Agency is the Governing Board.
Governing Board has 7 members.
President and members of the Governing Board, based on a public call, are appointed and dismissed by Government of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (hereinafter: Government of the Federation), in accordance with the agreed proposal of the prime minister and deputies of prime minister.
Two appointed members of the Governing Board are employees of the Agency.
President and members of the Governing Board are appointed for a mandate of four years and they can be reappointed.
Director and deputy director of the Agency cannot be appointed as members of the Governing Board.
Commission for appointment of members of the Governing Board is nominated by Government of the Federation upon proposal of the Agency.

Article 11

Governing Board of the Agency performs following activities:
- Issues Rules of the Agency,
- Appoints and dismisses director and deputy director,
- Determines work and development plans,
- Issues financial plan and adopts annual finance report,
- Issues general act on internal organization and systematization of working positions and other general acts in accordance with the law and Rules of the Agency,
- Performs other activities, in accordance with the law and Rules of the Agency.
Article 12

Activities of the Governing Board are public.

Article 13

Governing Board makes decisions by majority vote of all members, unless otherwise stated in the Rules of the Agency.

Article 14

Director is in charge of the operations of the Agency.
Agency has deputy director.
Director and deputy director are appointed and dismissed by the Governing Board, based on a public call, with consent of the Government of the Federation.
Director and deputy director cannot belong to the same constituent people.
Director and deputy director are appointed for a mandate of four years and can be reappointed to the same duty.
Rules of the Agency define manner of appointment and dismissal of director and deputy director.

Article 15

If director and deputy director are not appointed by a public call, Governing Board will appoint employees of the Agency as acting director and acting deputy director without the public call.
Acting director and acting deputy director have the same rights and duties of a director and deputy director.
Acting director and acting deputy director can run operations of the Agency until appointment of a director and deputy director for maximum of six months from the day of their appointment as acting director and acting deputy director.

Article 16

Director and deputy director directly run operations of the Agency.
Director of the Agency runs operations of the Agency, represents the Agency before third persons and is responsible for legality of activities in the Agency.
Powers and responsibilities of director and deputy director are defined by the Rules of the Agency, in accordance with the law.
Article 17

There is an editor-in-chief and deputy editor-in-chief in the Agency. Editor-in-chief and deputy editor-in-chief are appointed and dismissed by director and deputy director, with consent of the Governing Board. Activities of the competent editors is defined by Rules of the Agency.

Article 18

Agency has Supervisory Board. Supervisory Board of the Agency consists of three members. President and members of the Supervisory Board are appointed and dismissed by Government of the Federation, upon agreed proposal of prime minister and prime minister deputies. At least one appointed member of the Supervisory Board is employee of the Agency. President and members of the Supervisory Board are appointed for a mandate of four years and can be reappointed.

Article 19

Jurisdictions of the Supervisory Board are defined by Rules of the Agency, in accordance with the law.

V – GENERAL ACT OF THE AGENCY

Article 20

Basic general acts of the Agency are Rules of the Agency issued by the Governing Board, upon agreed proposal of director and deputy director. Rules of the Agency regulate all issues that hold importance for organization and operations of the Agency, in accordance with the law and this Decree. Funds for operations of the Agency from articles 5 and 6 of this Decree are distributed by a financial plan issued by the Governing Board of the Agency, in a manner regulated by Rules of the Agency. Salaries and other fees of employees of the Agency, in accordance with the financial plan from paragraph 3 of this article, are determined by a Rulebook on salaries and fees, issued by the Governing Board of the Agency, in a manner regulated by Rules of the Agency. Agency can hold other general acts, which is determined by Rules of the Agency.
Article 21

Act on internal organization and systematization of working positions of the Agency is issued by the Governing Board upon agreed proposal of director and deputy director, with consent of Government of the Federation.

VI – MONITORING OF OPERATIONS OF THE AGENCY

Article 22

Monitoring over legality of operations of the Agency is performed by the Federation Ministry of Finance, Federation Ministry of Justice and other Federation ministries, each in matters under their jurisdiction.

VII – COURT REGISTRATION

Article 23

Agency is registered in court register of the cantonal court in headquarters of the Agency. This Decree is a founding act based on which the Agency will be enlisted in the court register.

VIII – TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 24

Property and property rights of the Agency consist of property and property rights and commitments that up to founding of the Agency belonged to BH PRESS News Agency from Sarajevo and property and property rights and commitments that up to founding of the Agency belonged to HABENA News Agency from Mostar.

Article 25

Obligations of BH PRESS news agency from Sarajevo and HABENA news agency from Mostar, which have not been settled until 18th October 2001, will be secured in the budget of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, on which the Government of the Federation will issue a separate decision.
Article 26

Employees of BH PRESS news agency and HABENA news agency will be taken over by the Agency in accordance with the act on internal organization and systematization of working positions of the Agency.

Article 27

Rules and acts from articles 20 and 21 of this Regulation will be issued within 30 days from the day of appointment of director and deputy director, i.e. acting director and acting deputy director.

Article 28

Government of the Federation will appoint Governing Board of the Agency within 10 days from entry into effect of the Decree on founding of the Federal News Agency ("Official Gazette of the Federation of BiH", number 48/00).

Article 29

Until director and deputy director are appointed in accordance with Article 14 of this Decree, Governing Board will appoint acting director and acting deputy director without the public call for the period of six months. This appointment will be done within 10 days from the appointment of the Governing Board.

Article 30

Consolidated text of the Decree on founding of the Federal News Agency includes: Decree on founding of the Federal News Agency ("Official Gazette of the Federation of BiH", number 48/00), Decree on addendum of the Decree on founding of the Federal News Agency ("Official Gazette of the Federation of BiH", number 48/01). Decree on addendum of the Decree on founding of the Federal News Agency ("Official Gazette of the Federation of BiH", number 30/02), Decree on amendments to the Decree on founding of the Federal News Agency ("Official Gazette of the Federation of BiH", number 38/03). Decree on amendments to the Decree on founding of the Federal News Agency ("Official Gazette of the Federation of BiH", number 17/06) and Decree on amendment to the Decree on founding of the Federal News Agency ("Official Gazette of the Federation of BiH", number 14/12), which states the day of entry into effect of these decrees.

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