



## THE NEWSPRINT CONTROL ORDINANCE, 1971



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**<sup>1</sup>THE NEWSPRINT CONTROL ORDINANCE, 1971**  
ORDINANCE No. XI of 1971

[26th April, 1971]

**An Ordinance to provide for regulating the keeping, storage, distribution, disposal, acquisition and use of newsprint.**

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for regulating the keeping, storage, distribution, disposal, acquisition and use of newsprint and for matters ancillary thereto ;

AND WHEREAS the national interest of Pakistan in relation to the achievement of uniformity requires Central Legislation in the matter;

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of the Proclamation of the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1969, read with the Provisional Constitution Order, and in exercise of all powers enabling him in that behalf, the President is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:—

**1. Short title, extent and commencement.**—(1) This Ordinance may be called the Newsprint Control Ordinance, 1971.

(2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Ordinance to override other laws.** This Ordinance shall have effect notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the <sup>2</sup>[Price Control and Prevention of Profiteering and Hoarding Act, 1977 (XXIX of 1977)] or any order or other instrument made or issued thereunder or any other law for the time being in force.

**3. Definitions.** In this Ordinance, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,

- (a) “daily newspaper” means a newspaper which is published not less than five days a week ;
- (b) “newspaper” means any publication printed on newsprint and published at regular intervals of not more than a month ; and
- (c) “newsprint” means printing paper, white or coloured, in reels or in sheets, unsized or soft sized, the fiber content of which comprises not less than 70 per cent of mechanical wood pulp and which weights between 50 to 54 grams per square metre.

**4. Regulation of use of newsprint etc.** Except with the prior permission in writing of the <sup>3</sup>[Federal Government], no person shall :—

- (a) use newsprint for printing or publishing any newspaper started after the commencement of this Ordinance ;
- (b) use newsprint for printing or publishing any newspaper in excess of such quantity as the <sup>2</sup>[Federal Government] may, by general or special order, prescribe in respect of such newspaper ; or

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<sup>1</sup>Validated by the Validation of Laws Act, 1975 (63 of 1975), s. 2 and Sch.,

<sup>2</sup>Subs. by Federal Laws (Revision and Declaration) Ordinance, 1981 (27 of 1981) s.3 and II sch.,

<sup>3</sup>See foot-note on page 558, supra.