

Proposal for Regulation on the Sale of Books (Book Regulation).

Enacted by the Ministry of Culture and Equality (date) pursuant of to the Act of (date) on the Sale of Books (the Book Act), Section 3, paragraph 6, Section 5, paragraph 5, and Section 14, paragraph 2.

§ 1 Exemptions from the scope of the Book Act

Section 6, paragraph 1, and Section 7, paragraph 1, of the Book Act do not apply to publishers who solely publish their own books under their own imprint.

§ 2 Discounts to Libraries

Retailers can provide libraries with discounts of up to 20 percent.

Libraries refer to country libraries, public libraries, school libraries, libraries under universities and colleges, and other scientific and professional libraries operated by te government.

§ 3 Quantum Discount to End Customer

Retailer may offer the end customer a discount of up to 20 percent when purchasing 50 to 200 copies of the same book. When purchasing over 200 copies of the same book, there are no limitations on the discount.

The first paragraph does not apply to libraries.

§ 4 Discounts for Simultaneous Sale of Different Formats of the Same Book

For academic books intended for the professional market and textbooks for higher education, publishers and retailers may enter into agreements regarding discounts for the simultaneous sake of both print and digital formats of the same book.

§ 5 Prohibition on Giving Away Books with Fixed Price

Retailers are not allowed to give away books with a fixed price for free. However, this does not restrict the option to provide free shipping for book shipments.

The prohibition does not apply to the first copy of a Novel series in paper format when purchased as part of a subscription.

§ 6 Fixed Price on Genuine Reissues of a Book.

Publishers can establish a fixed price for genuine reissues of a book that is no longer subject to fixed pricing.

The fixed price, valid for a period of twelve months as per Section 5, paragraph 1 of the Book Act, start from the moment of release for each publishing format of the new edition.

To qualify as a genuine reissue, significant changes to the book must have taken place. These changes could include enhancements in the form of text, linguistic revisions, translation, or illustrations that provide the work with a new character.

A new edition with minor changes such as a new cover, a new printing year, and the correction of typographical errors would not qualify as a genuine reissue.

§ 7 Transitional Provisions for Books with Fixed Prices according to the Current Book Agreement

For books that are subject to fixed prices according to the current book agreement as of January 1st, 2017, upon the enforcement of this law, the fixed prices will continue to be in effect as per this agreement until April 30th, 2024.

For books published after the enforcement of this law, the provisions in the Book Act and this regulation apply.

§ 8 Enactment

This regulation comes into effect on January 1st, 2024.