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PRESERVATION OF BOOKS ACT

An Act to make provision relating to the deposit and preservation of copies of books printed and published in Brunei Darussalam and to provide for matters connected therewith

Commencement: 18th January 1967

Citation

1. This Act may be cited as the Preservation of Books Act.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“books” includes every part or division of a book, report, pamphlet, periodical, newspaper, sheet of letterpress, sheet of music, map, plan, chart or table separately published, but shall not include any second or subsequent edition of a book unless such edition contains additions or alterations either in the letterpress or in the maps, prints or other engravings belonging thereto;

“Director” means the Director of Language and Literature Bureau.

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Delivery of copies of books published in Brunei Darussalam

3. (1) The publisher of every book published in Brunei Darussalam (whether for sale or otherwise) shall, within one month after the publication, deliver, at his own expense, three copies of the book to the Director.

(2) The copies required to be delivered under this section shall be copies of the whole book with all maps and illustrations belonging thereto, and in relation to the copies required to be delivered under subsection (1), shall be finished and coloured in the same manner as the best copies of the book are published and shall be bound, sewed or stitched together, and on the best paper on which the book is printed.

(3) If a publisher fails to deliver any book required by this section to be delivered, he is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine of \$6,000 and the value of the book or books he so fails to deliver; and the said value shall be paid to the institution or institutions to whom the book or books ought to have been delivered.

Catalogue of books delivered

4. (1) The Director shall keep or cause to be kept a catalogue of all books delivered under section 3; and the catalogue shall contain such particulars of the books so delivered as may be prescribed.

(2) The Director shall as soon as is practicable after each quarter of the year publish or cause to be published the particulars entered in the catalogue in the quarter immediately preceding the date of publication; and the Director shall supply to any person making an application in that behalf a copy of that publication.

Regulations

5. His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan in Council may make regulations —

(a) to provide for the use of the books delivered pursuant to section 3(1);

(b) to provide for the fees to be imposed in respect of any publication supplied under section 4 by the Director and the conditions under which the payment of such fees may be waived;

(c) to prescribe anything required to be prescribed under this Act; and

(d) for excluding any class of books from the operation of the whole or any part of this Act.

Obligations to be additional to those under other laws

6. The obligations imposed upon a publisher by this Act shall be in addition to and not in substitution for any other obligations relating to the delivery of books published in Brunei Darussalam to any other institution, under any other written law for the time being in force.

Application to Government

7. This Act applies to books printed by the Government Printer for or on behalf of the Government and to books printed by any department of Government.