



## **Circular 630: Implementing the Requirements of Federal Decree Law No. (55) of 2023 and its Executive Regulations**

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Dear Valued Business Partner,

In reference to the UAE Media Council's ("UAEMC") latest reforms to the UAE's media regulatory framework, underpinned by [Federal Decree Law No. \(55\) of 2023 regarding media regulation](#), its [executive regulations](#), and the relevant Cabinet decisions, we would like to remind companies operating within the media sector of the necessity to comply with the obligations and requirements set out under this framework.

Such obligations include but are not limited to:

1. All media activities carried out must be aligned with and reflect the nature of the company's licensed activity.
2. All companies carrying out media activities covered under the above-mentioned legislative framework must obtain a licence from the relevant Competent Authority or the UAEMC. Such activities include, but are not limited to:
  - Radio and television broadcasting
  - Newspaper and printed publications
  - Reprinting of publications
3. All foreign media offices licensed to operate within the UAE must register their correspondents and journalists with the Competent Authority before engaging in any media activity within the country.



4. All foreign correspondents and journalists who are neither registered in the UAE nor affiliated with a foreign media office licensed in the UAE must obtain from UAEMC the required permit for the purpose of covering events and activities in the country.

We encourage media professionals and entities to take the necessary action and adjust their status if required to ensure compliance with the applicable laws and regulations governing the media sector in the UAE.

If you have any queries, please contact DDA Customer Care by telephone on 800-4-DDA (332) or via our online form (click [here](#)).

Regards,

**Dubai Development Authority**