

Circular 644: Reminder - Implementing the Requirements of Federal Decree Law No. (55) of 2023 and its Executive Regulations

Date: December 11, 2025

Dear Valued Business Partner,

In reference to [Circular 630](#) and [Circular 631](#) and Article 25 of the Executive Regulations of Cabinet Decision No. (68) of 2024 and Cabinet Decision No. (42) of 2025 regarding administrative violations and penalties related to media regulation, we wish to remind all foreign media offices operating within the UAE of the following requirements:

1. All media activities carried out must be aligned with and reflect the nature of the company's licensed activity.
2. All companies conducting media activities under the applicable legislative framework must obtain a licence from the relevant Competent Authority or the UAE Media Council (UAEMC).
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 the required permit from UAEMC to cover events and activities in the country. Individuals must register on the official UAE Media Council website, create a personal account and upload a letter from their employer indicating their job title.

To register, **please click [here](#)**.

This requirement is essential to ensure compliance with applicable media laws and to avoid any legal accountability under the administrative violations and penalties framework.

Please note the deadline for the above is **15 December 2025**.

For any inquiries, please contact DDA Customer Care at 800-4-DDA (332) or via our online form (click [here](#)).

Regards,

Dubai Development Authority