

CHAPTER 245

**THE DEPOSIT LIBRARY AND DOCUMENTATION
CENTRE ACT**

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Commencement: 24 October, 1969

**An Act to provide for the deposit and preservation of copies of books
written or printed and published in Uganda.****1. Interpretation**

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“book” includes every part or division of a book, newspaper, periodical, magazine, review, *Gazette*, pamphlet, sheet of letterpress, sheet of music, map, plan, chart or table separately published, but does not include any second or subsequent edition of a book unless that edition contains additions or alterations either in the letterpress or in the maps, prints or other illustrative material belonging to the book;

“currency point” has the value assigned to it in the Schedule to this Act; “Deposit Library and Documentation Centre” means the Deposit Library

and Documentation Centre established under section 2.

2. Deposit Library and Documentation Centre

There is established a Deposit Library and Documentation Centre which shall be administered by the Uganda Management Institute and in which shall be deposited and kept all copies of books as prescribed by this Act and such other books, publications and material which the Minister may, in his or her discretion, decide to deposit and keep.

3. Delivery of copies of books, etc.

(1) The publisher of every book published in Uganda and any person who, being ordinarily resident in Uganda, is the author of a book published outside Uganda, shall—

- (a) within one month after the publication, deliver, at his or her own expense, a copy of the book to the librarian of the Deposit

Library and Documentation Centre, who shall give a receipt for it; and

- (b) if written demand is made within three months after publication, deliver, within one month after receipt of that written demand, or if the demand was made before publication, within one month after publication, to the Minister, one copy of the book.

(2) In the case of an encyclopaedia, newspaper, review, magazine or work published in a series of numbers or parts, the written demand made under subsection (1)(b) may include all numbers or parts of the work which may be subsequently published.

(3) The copy of the book delivered pursuant to any of the provisions of subsection (1) shall be a copy of the whole book with all maps and illustrations belonging to it, 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.

4. Offences and penalties

If any publisher or author fails to comply with any of the provisions of section 3, he or she commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a fine of fifty currency points, and the court before which any such publisher or author is convicted may, in addition, order the offender to deliver to the librarian of the Deposit Library and Documentation Centre or to the Minister or both a copy of the book in respect of which the conviction is recorded, or to pay to the librarian or to the Minister or both, the value of that book.

5. Powers of exemption

The Minister may, by statutory order, exempt from all or any of the provisions of this Act any specified class of book either absolutely or subject to such conditions as may be specified in the order.

6. Power to amend Schedule

The Minister responsible for finance may, by statutory instrument, with the approval of Cabinet, amend the Schedule to this Act.

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Sections 1, 6

Currency Point

A currency point is equivalent to twenty thousand shillings.

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