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## **State Council Amends Publication Regulations**

The State Council has promulgated the amended Publication Regulations which consist of 74 articles in 9 chapters with immediate effect. The Regulations affirm the freedom of publication that must be protected by the government. The Regulations specify that publishers must comply with the Constitutional Law and other PRC laws, and must not impair the legitimate rights of the country, public or any national. The Regulations confer power on the publication authorities to inspect any articles or premises in the course of any investigation of illegal publication, printing, duplication, importation or distribution of works after acquiring the relevant evidence or receiving complaints. Such articles or premises may be taken into custody by the authorities.

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