

# Legal Deposit Regulation for Macao Publications



## Fun fact about Legal Deposit Regulation

Legal deposit is a legal requirement whereby a country (or region) submits a prescribed number of copies of their publications (national or local) to a national library or a central library.

The Macao Central Library is the Legal Deposit Library for all publications published within the Macao region.

Degree-Law No.72/89/M – Legal Deposit Regulation, as amended by Administrative Regulation No.10/2008

## 1 Significance

Legal deposit helps to preserve important cultural property by comprehensively collecting Macao Documents and making this local culture, memory and history available for study and utilize.



- The majority of Macao Collection comes from Legal Deposit Collections. •

## 2 Objectives

Collect, organise and preserve a collection of publications issued in Macao.

Enrich the collection of the Macao Public Library.

## 4 Delivery

### 1 - Delivery address

Please mark the envelope with the words 'Legal Deposit'

#### Macao ISBN Agency

2nd Level, New Building,  
Largo de Santo Agostinho No.3, Macau



#### Macao Central Library

Av. Conselheiro Ferreira de Almeida, n.º 89 A-B



#### Taipa Library

Rua de Seng Tou da Parque  
Central da Taipa, la Cave



or

### 2 - By post

Macao Central Library  
Av. Conselheiro Ferreira de  
Almeida, n.º 89 A-B



Postage is free for legal deposit below 2kg, but "Macao Central Library - Legal Deposit" should be indicated on the envelope.

## 3 Scope of Collection

All publications issued in the Macao region regardless of its production form, type, distribution method (for sale or free distribution) are subject to legal deposit.



Tips: Electronic materials are required to be deposited too!

Publications which are not registered with ISBN (book), ISSN (periodical) or ISRC (audio-visual material) are also required to be deposited.

ISRC  
ISBN  
ISSN

## 5 Who is the depositor?

**Legal persons** (government departments, schools, business and non-governmental organisations, etc.);

**Natural persons** (individual);

And **publishers** who have domiciles or headquarters in Macao.



are all considered the **depositors**, whether or not they are the author of the deposit objects.



For film productions, its producers are responsible to deliver it for legal deposit.



## 6 How to deliver publications?

Two physical copies of all Macao publications should be delivered to the Macao ISBN Agency of the Macao Central Library within five days of publication according to Macao law. The legal deposit submission procedure will then be completed.

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## 8 Benefits of Legal Deposit for publishers

### Permanent collection

The publications will be preserved properly, completely and systematically.



### Effecting promotion and advertising

Readers around the world can have access to the relevant publications via the library collection catalogue or the joint collection search between the branch libraries and other libraries, thereby contributing to promotion and advertising of the publications.



### Higher utilisation

The publications can be accessed by more people through the platform of the Macao Public Library.



Publications (in print or electronic) x2 + List of Publications - Legal Deposit\*

\*available on the website of the Macao Public Library

## 7 Is it possible to skip legal deposit?

Publishers or publishing organisations who fail to submit legal deposit copies in accordance with the regulation **shall be liable for a fine of MOP 200 to MOP 2,000.**



## 9 Other considerations

Copyright page of all publications should indicate:

- Name of publisher
- Place and date of publication (year - month)
- Name of printing company
- Place and date of printing (year - month)

In accordance with Paragraph 2 of Article 8 of Legal Deposit Regulation (Degree-Law No. 72/89/M dated 31 October 1989), any publicly released publications failing to include all the aforementioned elements shall incur a fine of MOP 150 to MOP 1,500.

## 10 Preservation of deposited copies

### First copy

For Permanent collection, not available to be lent out.

### Second copy

Stored in Macao Reference Room for in-library use.



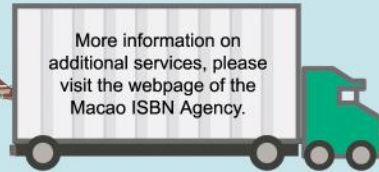
## Additional services

### More than two copies for legal deposit (up to 30 copies)

To be distributed to various branch libraries according to the collection development objective of the Macao Public Library. The publication will be available for reading and borrowing once they are shelved.



More information on additional services, please visit the webpage of the Macao ISBN Agency.



## 11 Special collection - 'Macao Collection'

