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Constituent Bodies of the Press Council are obliged under Section 4(5)(e) of its Constitution to abide by the following requirements as to publication of adjudications:

1. Each publisher must ensure that any Council adjudication relating to a publication which it controls is published in that publication.
 2. The adjudication must be published in full and headed “Press Council Adjudication” or “Press Council Ruling”, together with the Council’s logo. It must not be accompanied by editorial comment, and any subsequent reporting of, or comment upon, the adjudication must comply with the Council’s Standards of Practice.
 3. In the case of daily publications, the adjudication must be published within seven days of the final adjudication being notified to them. In the case of other publications, it must be published no later than the first issue after the seven day period.
 4. The adjudication must be published with due prominence in a position in the publication which the Council Secretariat has approved as likely to be seen by those who saw the material on which the complaint was based.
 5. Where the adjudication relates to online material, a brief summary note providing a link to the full adjudication must be published for at least 24 hours on the home page of the website. The content of the summary note and its position on the home page must be approved by the Council Secretariat.
 6. An annotation in terms approved by the Council Secretariat must also be added to the publisher’s online versions (whether archived or publicly available) of the material to which it relates, together with a link to the full adjudication.
 7. A publisher or complainant may request the Council Secretariat to relax the above requirements in relation to a particular adjudication. Both the publisher and the complainant should usually be consulted before any substantial relaxation is approved.
 8. The request may be granted if the Council Secretariat considers that the requested relaxation
 - (a) will enhance, or at least not reduce, the likelihood of the adjudication being seen by people who saw the original material; or
 - (b) is necessary to avoid an unreasonable burden on the publisher (especially where the complaint was wholly or partially dismissed by the Council); or
 - (c) is in the interests of the complainant.
 9. At the request of the publisher or complainant, a decision by the Council Secretariat under paragraph (8) is subject to review by a three-person Review Committee. The Review Committee will be appointed by the Chair and include at least one publisher member and one public member.
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