



Notice regarding Regulation of Social Media Platform Usage

Government of Nepal has approved the "Directive for Managing the Use of Social media platforms, 2023" on 9 November 2023. The directive is published on Nepal Gazette Part 3 dated 27 November 2023 and is currently being implemented accordingly. The directive aims to promote self-regulation by social media platform operators and their users.

This notice is published to inform the concerned person, company or organization who wants to operate social media platform to abide by the following provisions:

1. Individuals, companies or organizations who want to operate social media platforms should register their social media platforms in the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology. Social media platforms operating at the time of the commencement of this directive must register within three months from the date of publication of this notice.
2. For the enlistment, the person, company or organization operating the social media platforms must apply by themselves or through their representative by attaching the documents specified in the format as per schedule 1 of the directive. Application can be sent to the e-mail of the Social media platforms Management Unit at snru@mocit.gov.np.
3. For the purpose of addressing complaints related to the use of social media platforms, the operator of the social media platforms shall arrange a point of contact within Nepal. In addition, social network platform operators who do not have an office in Nepal at the time of the commencement of this directive will have to establish a point of contact within three months.
4. The Ministry may ban social media platforms from operating within Nepal that are not enlisted within the specified time limit.
5. "Directive for Managing the Use of Social media platforms, 2023" (Nepali and English version) is uploaded on Ministry's website (<https://mocit.gov.np/>). For further information, please use ministry's phone number 014200439.

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