

Baltic Press Publishers' Collective Management Organisation (BPCMO)

GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR DEDUCTIONS FROM THE REVENUE ARISING FROM THE RIGHTS OR ANY INCOME EARNED FROM THE INVESTMENT OF THE REVENUES ARISING FROM THE RIGHTS

- 1) The BPCMO has the right to deduct the costs (administrative fee) of the exercising by the BPCMO of the rights of BPCMO members and news media publishers represented on any other legal basis (including a representation agreement or law) (hereinafter jointly referred to as news media publishers) from the revenue arising from the exercising of the rights or from any income earned from the investment of the revenues arising from the rights.
- 2) The BPCMO invests the revenues arising from the exercising of the rights proceeding from the principle of conservatism and uses only low-risk financial instruments in investing (e.g. a term deposit agreement with a credit institution).
- 3) Each year, the General Meeting of the BPCMO confirms the amount of the administrative fee borne by the BPCMO in the previous financial year. The administrative fee must be established in a reasonable amount and on fair and objective grounds.
- 4) The forecast amount of the administrative fee is determined taking into account, inter alia, past practice in the exercising of rights and the expected revenues and costs of exercising rights in the particular field of activity.
- 5) The administrative fee is paid as a deduction from the revenue collected.
- 6) The BPCMO makes information on the deducted administrative fee and other deductions not related to the administrative fee available to news media publishers at least once a year.
- 7) After deducting the administrative fee, the BPCMO has the right to use up to 10% of the revenue subject to distribution for the common promotion of the rights and interests of news media and/or news media publishers and/or for other similar purposes in accordance with the procedure approved by a decision of the Board of the BPCMO and the guidelines issued by the General Meeting. The BPCMO has the right to make deductions related to the common promotion of the rights and interests of news media and/or news media publishers and/or for other similar purposes only from the revenue received by the news media publishers that have granted the BPCMO their explicit consent for such deductions upon entry into a corresponding membership or representation agreement.

These general principles for deductions from the revenue arising from the rights or any income earned from the investment of the revenues arising from the rights have been approved by the General Meeting of the BPCMO on 16 July 2024.