

Baltic Press Publishers' Collective Management Organisation (BPCMO)

PROCEDURE FOR RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES

- 1) The Board of the BPCMO assists in resolving disputes arising from the membership or representation agreement, BPCMO membership or other disputes related to the collective exercising of rights by the BPCMO.
- 2) The BPCMO aims to resolve disputes in good faith and by way of negotiations.
- 3) A member or a news media publisher represented may submit a written complaint to the Board of the BPCMO as concerns authorising the BPCMO to exercise rights, the conditions of membership or the collection or distribution of revenues or making deductions therefrom. In addition to setting out the matters of fact on which the complaint is based, the complaint must include all the relevant documents necessary for assessing the complaint. The complaint must be e-mailed to info@balticpresspublishers.eu.
- 4) The BPCMO shall make a decision on the complaint within two (2) months of receiving the complaint and all relevant documentation thereon.
- 5) If the BPCMO dismisses the complaint, it shall state the reasons for its corresponding decision in writing. If the dispute cannot be resolved with the assistance of the Board, the dispute will be resolved in Harju County Court (Tallinn) by applying the legislation in force in the Republic of Estonia.
- 6) If the parties fail to reach an agreement, one or both of the parties also has/have the right to refer the dispute to a conciliator. The conciliator may be the Copyright Committee or one or more persons chosen by the parties who comply with the conditions specified in § 3 of the Conciliation Act. The procedure is subject to the provisions of the Conciliation Act, with the special rules provided for in the Copyright Act.
- 7) The BPCMO does not resolve disputes between news media publishers.

*This procedure for resolution of disputes has been approved
by the General Meeting of the BPCMO on 16 July 2024.*