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Dear Member,

International Publications rule change

The ABC Council has ratified changes to the International Publications audit rules and byelaws. **The latest rule book – 2004 Version 3 – incorporates these changes and is available to download from the ABC website www.abc.org.uk**

If you would like the International Publications Committee to review any current rule, or to consider any area where the rules may need development, please contact the Director of Newspapers & Consumer Magazines, Martyn Gates.

1. Multiple copy subscription sales – educational establishments

From the January to June 2005 audit period, subscriptions purchased by an organisation for students at an educational establishment will be eligible for inclusion in the ABC category multiple copy subscription sales. For further requirements of this category please refer to section 9 of the rule book.

2. ABC Byelaws

The time limit within which newly registered titles must issue an ABC certificate has been reduced from 18 months to 12 months. This affects titles registering from 1 January 2005.

ABC's integrity depends on high standards in auditing practice and also its commitment to involving the industry in every aspect of the audit system. If you would like more information about how the changes affect you, please contact the Director of Newspapers and Consumer Magazines, Martyn Gates, or me.

Yours sincerely,



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