

PRESS RELEASE

PDF welcomes announcement by the CAT and looks to the future

The Press Distribution Forum (PDF) welcomes the announcement by the Competition Appeal Tribunal (CAT), upholding the Office of Fair Trading's decision not to conduct a further review of the newspaper and magazine industry. This brings to an end a long process and provides greater certainty for the industry to support investments and review best practice in the supply chain.

The PDF was pleased to note the comments by the CAT supporting the development of the Press Distribution Charter. The charter is currently being reviewed under the independent chairmanship of Michel Woodman, and the PDF would welcome discussion with all interested parties on improving its implementation and effectiveness.

Speaking of the recent developments, Mike Newman, Chair of the PDF said:

'This is a good decision for the industry. It removes uncertainty at a time when our efforts are best spent on improving sales and service. I'm hopeful the announcement will open the door to a closer relationship with the retail associations and would encourage all parties in the industry to engage positively towards that goal.'

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

PRESS DISTRIBUTION FORUM (PDF). The purpose of the Press Distribution Forum (PDF) is to provide a self-regulated forum for associations and companies involved in the supply and distribution of newspapers and magazines, to ensure the continuation of a diverse and plural press with its widespread availability to retailers and consumers. More information on the PDF can be found at www.pressdistributionforum.com .

The Association Members are:

- Newspaper Publishers Association (NPA)
- Professional Publishers Association (PPA)
- Association of Newspaper and Magazine Wholesalers (ANMW)

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