

PRESS RELEASE

OFT ANNOUNCEMENT ON NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTION

The Press Distribution Forum (PDF) welcomes today's announcement by the Office of Fair Trading that no further review of distribution arrangements in the newspaper and magazine industry is necessary.

Since its inception in 2010 the PDF has worked to improve the efficiency and transparency of the newspaper and magazine supply chain. It will continue to do so and developments underway include an independently chaired review of the Press Distribution Charter. The PDF would encourage the retail associations to participate in this process and offers an open invitation to discuss ways in which the supply chain might be further improved for all stakeholders.

PDF Chairman, Mike Newman comments, "I am pleased the OFT recognised the work of the PDF and in particular the Press Distribution Charter. The PDF is working to enhance the efficiency of the supply chain for the benefit of consumers and retailers. I would urge all retailers and retailer associations to join in the consultation process which will assist Michel Woodman in chairing the review."

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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 and 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)

The Press Distribution Board Members are:

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