

Notice from the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology regarding the Regulation of Social Media Platform Usage

As per Clause 3 of the "**Directives for Managing the Use of Social Networks, 2023**", the person, company, or institution that are operating or intending to operate social media platforms in Nepal must enlist the network in the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology by submitting an application to the ministry as prescribed in Schedule -1. The application can be submitted directly or through an authorized representative enclosing the required documents. Additionally, the person, company, or institution must establish a Point of Contact, a resident Grievance Handling Officer, and an Officer for Monitoring Compliance with self-regulation. In accordance with the legal provisions, the social media platforms, Viber Media S.a.r.L, TikTok Pte. Ltd and Saransa Media Pvt.Ltd (Weetok) have already been registered and are operating under this system.

All other social media platforms operating in Nepal, except the above-mentioned, are informed to register in the Ministry within 30 days as per the "**Directives for Managing the Use of Social Networks, 2023**", ensuring the above-mentioned provisions and follow the provisions outlined in the guidelines. It is also informed that, social media platforms that fail to register within the specified time could be banned from operating in Nepal under Subclause (7) of Clause 3 of the Directives.

For further details, the "**Directives for Managing the Use of Social Networks, 2023**" (available both in Nepali and English) can be accessed on the official website of the Ministry: <https://mocit.gov.np/>