E-LEGAL DEPOSIT IN ARMENIA

ENSURING THE PRESERVATION OF DIGITAL PUBLICATIONS

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The concept of Legal Deposit has been in existence for centuries, primarily focusing on printed materials. With the advent of the digital age, the scope has expanded to include electronic publications. Armenia has been working towards incorporating e-Legal Deposit into its national library system to preserve digital works.
Law on the State Library of Armenia
4 July 1919

Established officially in 1919, the library functions as a central repository for Armenian printed works and serves as the nation's bibliographic center.

The law mandates that publishers submit 3 copies of their publications to the State Library of Armenia to ensure their preservation and accessibility for future generations.

31 January 1919, National Archive of Armenia
First Publishing House in Armenia was established in Etchmiadzin (1772).

Printing Museum
National Library of Armenia, 1771
First Publishing House in Yerevan (1875)

Printing Museum
National Library of Armenia
The National Library of Armenia is the official agency responsible for issuing ISBNs to Armenian publishers since 2017.

NLA is leading the initiative to implement e-Legal Deposit
• development of legal frameworks
• technical infrastructure
• collaboration with publishers and authors

The goal is to ensure comprehensive collection and preservation of Armenia's digital publications.
Collaboration and Support

Successful implementation of e-Legal Deposit relies on the collaboration between the National Library, publishers, authors, and other stakeholders. Efforts are being made to raise awareness and provide support to those involved in the publication process. This collaboration ensures a comprehensive and inclusive approach to digital preservation.
Legal Framework

To support e-Legal Deposit, Armenia is working on establishing new law and regulations. These law will mandate the submission of digital publications to the National Library of Armenia. The framework is designed to cover various types of digital content, ensuring they are archived and accessible for future generations.
Benefits of e-Legal Deposit

- e-Legal Deposit provides numerous benefits, including:
  - Preservation of digital heritage
  - Increased accessibility to digital publications
  - Ensuring the longevity of digital content
  - Supporting research and education
  - Enhancing the cultural and intellectual wealth of the nation
Future Directions

Looking ahead, Armenia aims to continually improve its e-Legal Deposit system

• updating legal frameworks
• enhancing technical capabilities
• fostering international cooperation

The ongoing development of e-Legal Deposit will ensure that Armenia's digital cultural heritage is preserved for future generations.
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