

H. Bauer Publishing

IPSO Annual Report

Period covered: January 2015-December 2015

1.0 Factual Information about the Regulated Entity

H. Bauer Publishing LP is part of the Bauer Media Group and has been publishing in the UK since August 1987. We publish a total of 8 regulated publications.

1.1 Titles Published

Title	Print edition	Digital edition	Frequency	Circulation
Bella	x	x	Weekly	183,700
Take a Break	x		Weekly	589,495
That's life!	x		Weekly	230,731
TV Choice	x		Weekly	1,268,265
Total TV Guide	x		Weekly	106,284
Spirit and Destiny	x	x	Monthly	36,279
Fate and Fortune	x		Monthly	68,002
Take a Break Series	x	x	Monthly	158,658

1.2 Responsible Person

The Regulated Entity's responsible person is Max Beddard

1.3 Overview

The Regulated Entity was founded in 1987 and is a magazine media publisher, publishing print and digital editions of monthly/weekly magazines

2.0 Internal Guides

Journalists adhere to the editor's code and where necessary change names, pixelate photographs and remove details in order to remain in the boundaries of the code. This may mean not publishing pictures of children, changing names of co-respondents. We believe we go beyond the remit of the code in order to publish legally safe, fair and accurate articles.

3.0 Compliance Procedures

3.1 Pre-publications guidance under regulation 4.5

Where required editors and journalists seek advice from IPSO in advance of publishing articles to consider matters of compliance with the Editors Code, in the past this has been to get advice on paying an interviewee who's related to a criminal. We also have a retainer with our lawyers Dentons to advise on finer legal issues.

3.2 Verification of stories

Journalists and Editors take all appropriate steps to confirm stories including but not necessarily limited to:

- Talking to second and third parties to verify details
- Sourcing photographic evidence
- Sourcing supporting records

3.3 Compliance with the Editors Code

Copies of the Editor's Code are supplied to all journalists, as well as copies listed on the intranet/shared drives.

Where the Regulator finds against a publication in the course of assessing a complaint, the publication complies with the findings and any remedial action required.

3.4 Editorial Complaints, Determined under Regulation 19

H. Bauer publishes the contact details of IPSO on its website www.bauer.co.uk/complaints together with procedures on how to make a complaint. Members of the public can register an editorial complaint under this procedure by sending an email to hbauercomplaints@bauer.co.uk.

Complaints received in line with the published procedure, or referred from IPSO, are logged and handled by the respective magazine editor who will seek to resolve the matter with the complainant. Complaints that fall outside the procedure, i.e. are not editorial complaints, are logged and referred to the relevant department/person.

Where the Regulator finds against a publication when determining a complaint under Regulation 19, the publication complies with the findings and any remedial action required by the Regulator.

3.5 Training of Staff

When required, staff training sessions to update staff on regulatory changes are arranged with our lawyers, Dentons. New joiners are supplied with a copy of the Editors Code.

4.0 Adverse Adjudications

There has been one adverse adjudication in the period, which was on *that's life!* magazine. In response to the adverse adjudication, H. Bauer Publishing has complied with the requirements set out in the adjudication by IPSO. Where an adverse finding occurs, the Editor of the publication is informed and required to take the action requested by IPSO.

In this case the editor shared the adjudication with the features team and explained how the problem occurred to tighten vigilance to ensure it doesn't happen again. The company has used this to inform other editors of problems that can occur.