

The Minister President's Proclamation Relating to
the National Government.

In conformity with the State Act at Akershus Castle on February 1st, 1942, it is proclaimed:

Section 1. The Minister President is the head of the Government. The Minister President possesses the authority which, according to the Constitution, was vested in the King and the Storting.

Section 2. The Minister President will appoint, in case of absence, a substitute in each separate case, if he finds it necessary.

Section 3. The Minister President's decrees are to be jointly signed by the Minister concerned and countersigned by the head of the Ministerial Secretariat.

Laws inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution shall, in addition, be countersigned by the Minister of Justice, and a statement shall be included in an introduction to the effect that it is valid regardless of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 4. The Ministers may, each within his own province, pursuant to authority from the Minister President, enact regulations having the force of law to amplify and execute laws promulgated by the Minister President. Such regulations are to be issued as decrees and signed by the Minister concerned. This also applied to instructions of a legislative nature issued by a Minister pursuant to authority of laws or decrees in force.

Section 5. The Minister President 's laws and the Minister's decrees are to be published in "Norsk Lovtidend" (Norwegian Legal Gazette). In the absence of provision to the contrary, they become effective from the day following their promulgation.

Section 6. The Minister President will make the administrative decisions dealt with in Article 28 of the Constitution as well as those which, according to the Constitution, were vested in the Storting. Other administrative questions are to be decided by the Minister concerned.

Decision of the Minister President pursuant to sentence of the foregoing paragraph will be counter-signed by the Minister concerned.

Section 7. Matters which pursuant to this proclamation are to be decided by the Minister President will in general be dealt with by the Ministers in Council.

Oslo, February 5th, 1942.

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