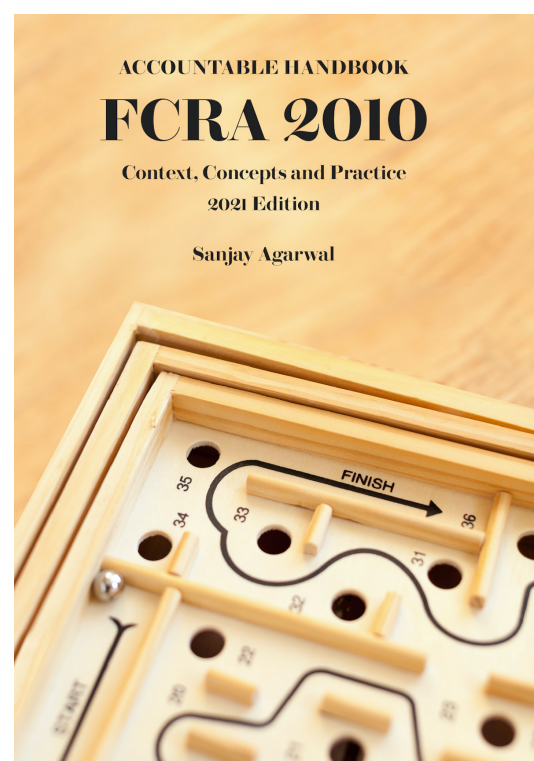


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3. [Affidavit for NGOs publishing newspapers etc. without news content](#)
4. [Format for 'Not a Newspaper Certificate' from RNI](#)



FCRA Department has amended FCRA rules, asking NGOs for additional confirmation about whether they are publishing public news. This has been done to improve compliance. The restrictions themselves have been part of the law since 1976.

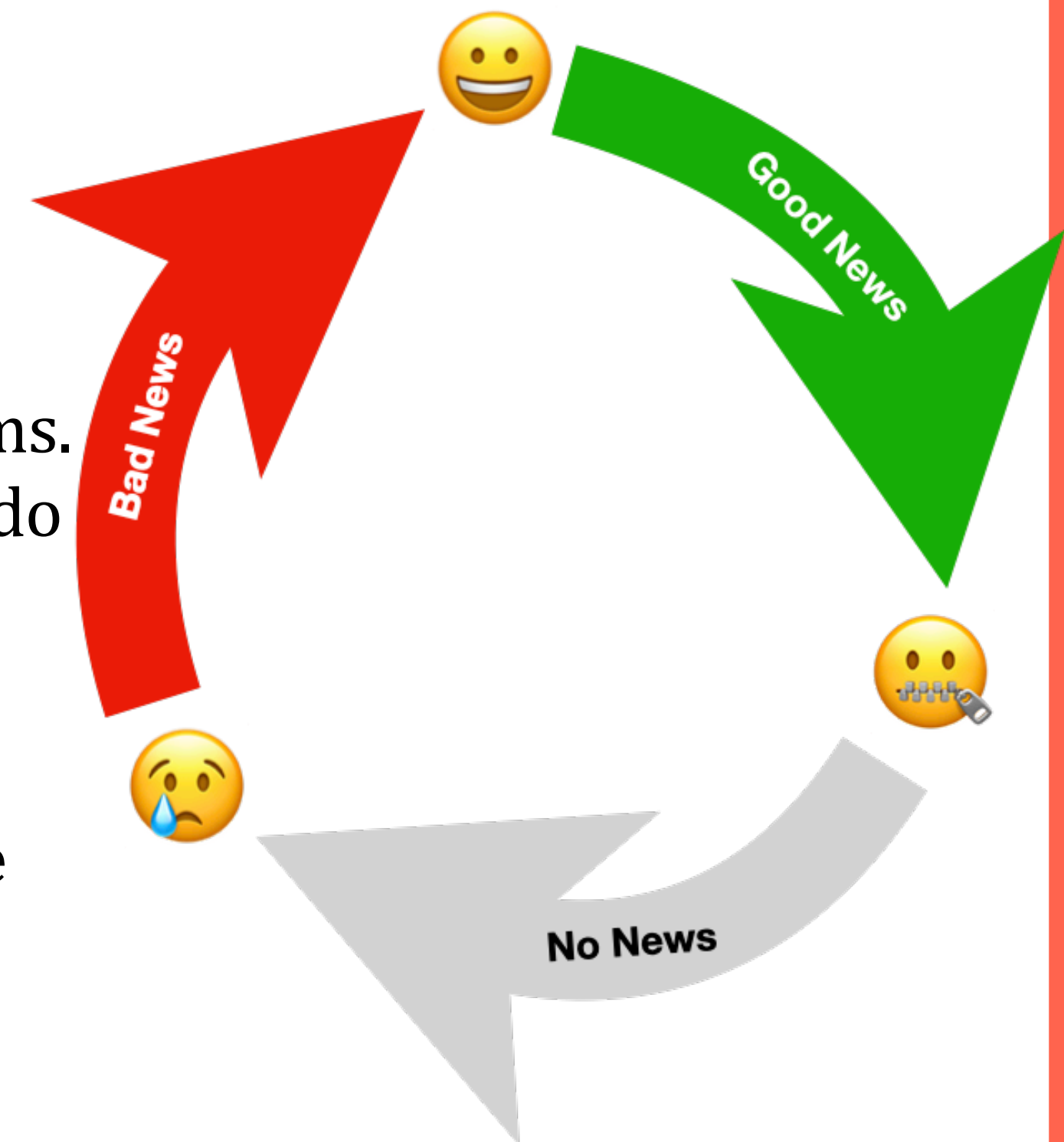
Public News or Comment on Public News

The restriction is on NGOs publishing public news, commenting on public news, or circulating audio visual news or current affairs programs. There is no restriction on publishing newsletters or periodicals which do not contain public news, etc.

If an NGO has publication as one of the objects, then it must provide an affidavit regarding this. If the NGO is publishing any newsletter or periodical (without news), then it must provide another affidavit. If the publication is registered with Registrar of Newspapers, then it must provide a 'Not a Newspaper' certificate from RNI.

"Fifth Columnists..."

If your employee or board member writes an article for a newspaper in private capacity, then he/she becomes a columnist. Make sure he/she is not paid any salary or fees out of FCRA funds.



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