

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

NO. 740

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COPYRIGHT ACT, 1978 (NO. 98 OF 1978)**APPLICATION OF THE COPYRIGHT ACT TO OTHER COUNTRIES**

By virtue of the powers vested in me in terms of section 37(1) of the Copyright Act, 1978 (Act No. 98 of 1978), I hereby declare that the provisions of the Act shall apply to the countries specified in the Schedule hereto, in which the member countries of the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works and the dates on which they became parties to the said Convention are indicated, in the manner and to the extent as provided in section 37(1) of the said Act.

This notice shall take effect on the date of publication.



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Minister of Trade and Industry
8 May 2017

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Status May 3, 2017

State	Date on which State became party to the Convention	Latest Act ¹ of the Convention to which State is party and date on which State became party to that Act
Albania	March 6, 1994	Paris: March 6, 1994
Algeria	April 19, 1998	Paris: April 19, 1998 ^{2,3}
Andorra	June 2, 2004	Paris: June 2, 2004
Antigua and Barbuda	March 17, 2000	Paris: March 17, 2000
Argentina	June 10, 1967	Paris: Articles 1 to 21: February 19, 2000 Paris: Articles 22 to 38: October 8, 1980
Armenia	October 19, 2000	Paris: October 19, 2000
Australia	April 14, 1928	Paris: March 1, 1978
Austria	October 1, 1920	Paris: August 21, 1982
Azerbaijan	June 4, 1999	Paris: June 4, 1999
Bahamas	July 10, 1973	Brussels: July 10, 1973 Paris: Articles 22 to 38: January 8, 1977 ²
Bahrain	March 2, 1997	Paris: March 2, 1997
Bangladesh	May 4, 1999	Paris: May 4, 1999 ³
Barbados	July 30, 1983	Paris: July 30, 1983
Belarus	December 12, 1997	Paris: December 12, 1997
Belgium	December 5, 1887	Paris: September 29, 1999
Belize	June 17, 2000	Paris: June 17, 2000
Benin	January 3, 1961 ⁴	Paris: March 12, 1975
Bhutan	November 25, 2004	Paris: November 25, 2004
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	November 4, 1993	Paris: November 4, 1993
Bosnia and Herzegovina	March 1, 1992	Paris: March 1, 1992 ⁵
Botswana	April 15, 1998	Paris: April 15, 1998
Brazil	February 9, 1922	Paris: April 20, 1975
Brunei Darussalam	August 30, 2006	Paris: August 30, 2006
Bulgaria	December 5, 1921	Paris: December 4, 1974
Burkina Faso	August 19, 1963 ⁶	Paris: January 24, 1976
Burundi	April 12, 2016	Paris: April 12, 2016
Cabo Verde	July 7, 1997	Paris: July 7, 1997
Cameroon	September 21, 1964 ⁴	Paris: Articles 1 to 21: October 10, 1974 Paris: Articles 22 to 38: November 10, 1973
Canada	April 10, 1928	Paris: June 26, 1998
Central African Republic	September 3, 1977	Paris: September 3, 1977
Chad	November 25, 1971	Brussels: November 25, 1971 ^{7,8} Stockholm: Articles 22 to 38: November 25, 1971
Chile	June 5, 1970	Paris: July 10, 1975
China	October 15, 1992	Paris: October 15, 1992 ⁹
Colombia	March 7, 1988	Paris: March 7, 1988
Comoros	April 17, 2005	Paris: April 17, 2005
Cook Islands	August 3, 2017	Paris: August 3, 2017 ¹⁹
Congo	May 8, 1962 ⁴	Paris: December 5, 1975
Costa Rica	June 10, 1978	Paris: June 10, 1978
Côte d'Ivoire	January 1, 1962	Paris: Articles 1 to 21: October 10, 1974 Paris: Articles 22 to 38: May 4, 1974
Croatia	October 8, 1991	Paris: October 8, 1991
Cuba	February 20, 1997	Paris: February 20, 1997 ^{2,3}
Cyprus	February 24, 1964 ⁴	Paris: July 27, 1983 ³
Czech Republic	January 1, 1993	Paris: January 1, 1993
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	April 28, 2003	Paris: April 28, 2003 ²
Democratic Republic of the Congo	October 8, 1963 ⁴	Paris: January 31, 1975
Denmark	July 1, 1903	Paris: June 30, 1979
Djibouti	May 13, 2002	Paris: May 13, 2002
Dominica	August 7, 1999	Paris: August 7, 1999
Dominican Republic	December 24, 1997	Paris: December 24, 1997
Ecuador	October 9, 1991	Paris: October 9, 1991

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Micronesia (Federated States of)	October 7, 2003	Paris: October 7, 2003
Monaco.....	May 30, 1889	Paris: November 23, 1974
Mongolia.....	March 12, 1998	Paris: March 12, 1998 ²
Montenegro.....	June 3, 2006	Paris: June 3, 2006
Morocco.....	June 16, 1917	Paris: May 17, 1987
Mozambique.....	November 22, 2013	Paris: November 22, 2013
Namibia.....	March 21, 1990	Paris: December 24, 1993
Nepal.....	January 11, 2006	Paris: January 11, 2006 ²
Netherlands.....	November 1, 1912	Paris: Articles 1 to 21: January 30, 1986 ¹⁵ Paris: Articles 22 to 38: January 10, 1975 ¹⁶
New Zealand.....	April 24, 1928	Rome: December 4, 1947
Nicaragua.....	August 23, 2000	Paris: August 23, 2000
Niger.....	May 2, 1962 ⁴	Paris: May 21, 1975
Nigeria.....	September 14, 1993	Paris: September 14, 1993
Niue.....	September 24, 2016	Paris: September 24, 2016
Norway.....	April 13, 1896	Paris: Articles 1 to 21: October 11, 1995 ¹¹ Paris: Articles 22 to 38: June 13, 1974
Oman.....	July 14, 1999	Paris: July 14, 1999 ²
Pakistan.....	July 5, 1948	Rome: July 5, 1948 ⁷ Stockholm: Articles 22 to 38: January 29 or February 26, 1970
Panama.....	June 8, 1996	Paris: June 8, 1996
Paraguay.....	January 2, 1992	Paris: January 2, 1992
Peru.....	August 20, 1988	Paris: August 20, 1988
Philippines.....	August 1, 1951	Paris: Articles 1 to 21: June 18, 1997 Paris: Articles 22 to 38: July 16, 1980
Poland.....	January 28, 1920	Paris: Articles 1 to 21: October 22, 1994 Paris: Articles 22 to 38: August 4, 1990
Portugal.....	March 29, 1911	Paris: January 12, 1979 ¹⁷
Qatar.....	July 5, 2000	Paris: July 5, 2000
Republic of Korea.....	August 21, 1996	Paris: August 21, 1996
Republic of Moldova.....	November 2, 1995	Paris: November 2, 1995
Romania.....	January 1, 1927	Paris: September 9, 1998
Russian Federation.....	March 13, 1995	Paris: March 13, 1995
Rwanda.....	March 1, 1984	Paris: March 1, 1984
Saint Kitts and Nevis.....	April 9, 1995	Paris: April 9, 1995
Saint Lucia.....	August 24, 1993	Paris: August 24, 1993 ²
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.....	August 29, 1995	Paris: August 29, 1995
Samoa.....	July 21, 2006	Paris: July 21, 2006
Sao Tome and Principe.....	June 14, 2016	Paris: June 14, 2016
Saudi Arabia.....	March 11, 2004	Paris: March 11, 2004
Senegal.....	August 25, 1962	Paris: August 12, 1975
Serbia ¹⁸	April 27, 1992	Paris: April 27, 1992 ⁵
Singapore.....	December 21, 1998	Paris: December 21, 1998
Slovakia.....	January 1, 1993	Paris: January 1, 1993
Slovenia.....	June 25, 1991	Paris: June 25, 1991 ⁵
South Africa.....	October 3, 1928	Brussels: August 1, 1951 Paris: Articles 22 to 38: March 24, 1975 ²
Spain.....	December 5, 1887	Paris: Articles 1 to 21: October 10, 1974 Paris: Articles 22 to 38: February 19, 1974
Sri Lanka.....	July 20, 1959 ⁴	Paris: Articles 1 to 21: December 27, 2005 Paris: Articles 22 to 38: September 23, 1978
Sudan.....	December 28, 2000	Paris: December 28, 2000
Suriname.....	February 23, 1977	Paris: February 23, 1977
Swaziland.....	December 14, 1998	Paris: December 14, 1998
Sweden.....	August 1, 1904	Paris: Articles 1 to 21: October 10, 1974 Paris: Articles 22 to 38: September 20, 1973
Switzerland.....	December 5, 1887	Paris: September 25, 1993

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¹¹ This State has declared that it admits the application of the Appendix of the Paris Act to works of which it is the State of origin by States which have made a declaration under Article VI(1)(i) of the Appendix or a notification under Article I of the Appendix. The declarations took effect on October 18, 1973, for Germany, on March 8, 1974, for Norway and on September 27, 1971, for the United Kingdom.

¹² This State declared that its ratification shall not apply to the provisions of Article 14bis(2)(b) of the Paris Act (presumption of legitimation for some authors who have brought contributions to the making of the cinematographic work).

¹³ This State notified the designation of the competent authority provided by Article 15(4) of the Paris Act.

¹⁴ Latvia acceded to the Berne Convention (Rome Act, 1928) with effect from May 15, 1937. It lost its independence on July 21, 1940, and regained it on August 21, 1991.

¹⁵ Ratification for the Kingdom in Europe.

¹⁶ Ratification for the Kingdom in Europe. Articles 22 to 38 of the Paris Act apply also to the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba. The Netherlands Antilles ceased to exist on October 10, 2010. As from that date, Articles 22 to 38 continue to apply to Curaçao and Sint Maarten. Articles 22 to 38 also continue to apply to the islands of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba which, with effect from October 10, 2010, have become part of the territory of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Europe.

¹⁷ Pursuant to the provisions of Article 14bis(2)(c) of the Paris Act, this State has made a declaration to the effect that the undertaking by authors to bring contributions to the making of a cinematographic work must be in a written agreement. This declaration was received on November 5, 1986.

¹⁸ Serbia is the continuing State from Serbia and Montenegro as from June 3, 2006.

¹⁹ Pursuant to Article I of the Appendix of the Paris Act, this State availed itself of the faculty provided for in Article II of the said Appendix. The relevant declaration is effective until October 10, 2024.

²⁰ The United Kingdom extended the application of the Paris Act to the Isle of Man with effect from March 18, 1996, to the territory of the Bailiwick of Jersey with effect from January 31, 2014, and to the territory of the Bailiwick of Guernsey with effect from November 21, 2014.