

ACT
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ON COPYRIGHT AND NEIGHBOURING
RIGHTS¹⁾

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Chapter 1. The Subject Matter of Copyright

Article 1. 1. The subject matter of copyright shall be any and all manifestation of creative activity of individual nature, established in any form, irrespective of its value, designation or manner of expression (work).

2. In particular, the subject matter of copyright shall be:

- 1) works expressed in words, mathematical symbols, graphic signs (literary, journalistic, scientific and cartographic works and computer programs);
- 2) artistic works;
- 3) photographic works;
- 4) string musical instruments;
- 5) industrial design works;
- 6) architectural works, architectural and town planning works, and town planning works;
- 7) musical works and textual and musical works;
- 8) stage works, stage and musical works, choreographic and pantomimical works;
- 9) audiovisual (including film) works.

2¹. Protection may apply to the manner of expression only; no protection shall be provided for discoveries, ideas, procedures, methods and principles of operations or mathematical concepts.

3. The work shall be copyrighted since it has been established, even though its form is incomplete.

4. The author shall enjoy copyright protection irrespective of complying with any formalities.

Article 2. 1. The work derived from another author's work (derivative work), in particular its translation, alteration or adaptation, shall be copyrighted without detriment to the right to the original work.