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United States Copyright Office

## GENERAL INFORMATION

This sets forth U.S. copyright relations of current interest with the other independent nations of the world. Each entry gives country name (and alternate name) and a statement of copyright relations. The following code is used:

- Berne** Party to the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works as of the date given. Appearing within parentheses is the latest Act<sup>1</sup> of the Convention to which the country is party. The effective date for the United States is March 1, 1989. The latest Act of the Convention, to which the United States is party, is the revision done at Paris on July 24, 1971.
- Bilateral** Bilateral copyright relations with the United States by virtue of a proclamation or treaty, as of the date given. Where there is more than one proclamation or treaty, only the date of the first one is given.
- BAC** Party to the Buenos Aires Convention of 1910, as of the date given. U.S. ratification deposited with the Government of Argentina, May 1, 1911; proclaimed by the President of the United States, July 13, 1914.
- None** No copyright relations with the United States.
- Phonogram** Party to the Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms Against Unauthorized Duplication of Their Phonograms, Geneva, 1971, as of the date given. The effective date for the United States is March 10, 1974.
- SAT** Party to the Convention Relating to the Distribution of Programme-Carrying Signals Transmitted by Satellite, Brussels, 1974, as of the date given. The effective date for the United States is March 7, 1985.

**International  
Copyright  
Relations  
of the  
United States**

Circular

UCC Geneva	Party to the Universal Copyright Convention, Geneva, 1952, as of the date given. The effective date for the United States is September 16, 1955.
UCC Paris	Party to the Universal Copyright Convention as revised at Paris, 1971, as of the date given. The effective date for the United States is July 10, 1974.
Unclear	Became independent since 1943. Has not established copyright relations with the United States, but may be honoring obligations incurred under former political status.

WTO

(World Trade Organization) Member of the World Trade Organization, established pursuant to the Marrakesh Agreement of April 15, 1994, to implement the Uruguay Round Agreements. These Agreements affect, among other things, intangible property rights, including copyright and other intellectual property rights. The effective date of United States membership in the WTO is January 1, 1995. A country's membership in the World Trade Organization is effective as of the date indicated.

Explanations of footnotes appear on the last page.

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## RELATIONS AS OF MAY 1999

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### Afghanistan

None

### Albania

Berne Mar. 6, 1994 (Paris) <sup>1</sup>

### Algeria

UCC Geneva Aug. 28, 1973

UCC Paris July 10, 1974

Berne April 19, 1998 (Paris)

### Andorra

UCC Geneva Sept. 16, 1955

### Angola

WTO Nov. 23, 1996

### Antigua and Barbuda

WTO Jan. 1, 1995

### Argentina

Bilateral Aug. 23, 1934

BAC Apr. 19, 1950

UCC Geneva Feb. 13, 1958

Berne June 10, 1967 (Brussels) <sup>2</sup>

Phonogram June 30, 1973 <sup>3</sup>

WTO Jan. 1, 1995

### Armenia

SAT Dec. 13, 1993

### Australia

Bilateral March 15, 1918

Berne Apr. 14, 1928 (Paris) <sup>2</sup>

UCC Geneva May 1, 1969

Phonogram June 22, 1974

UCC Paris Feb. 28, 1978

SAT Oct. 26, 1990

WTO Jan. 1, 1995

### Austria

Bilateral Sept. 20, 1907

Berne Oct. 1, 1920 (Paris) <sup>2</sup>

UCC Geneva July 2, 1957

SAT Aug. 6, 1982 <sup>4</sup>

UCC Paris Aug. 14, 1982

Phonogram Aug. 21, 1982

WTO Jan. 1, 1995

### Azerbaijan

UCC Geneva May 27, 1973

### Bahamas, The

Berne July 10, 1973 (Brussels)

UCC Geneva Dec. 27, 1976

UCC Paris Dec. 27, 1976

### Bahrain

WTO Jan. 1, 1995

Berne Mar. 2, 1997 (Paris)

### Bangladesh

UCC Geneva Aug. 5, 1975

UCC Paris Aug. 5, 1975

WTO Jan. 1, 1995

Berne May 4, 1999 (Paris)

### Barbados

UCC Geneva June 18, 1983

UCC Paris June 18, 1983

Berne July 30, 1983 (Paris) <sup>2</sup>

Phonogram July 29, 1983

WTO Jan. 1, 1995

### Belarus

UCC Geneva May 27, 1973

Berne Dec. 12, 1997 (Paris)

### Belau

(see Palau)

### Belgium

Berne Dec. 5, 1887 (Brussels) <sup>2</sup>

Bilateral July 1, 1891

UCC Geneva Aug. 31, 1960

WTO Jan. 1, 1995

### Belize

UCC Geneva Dec. 1, 1982

WTO Jan. 1, 1995

### Benin (formerly Dahomey)

Berne Jan. 3, 1961 (Paris) <sup>2</sup>

WTO Feb. 22, 1996

### Bhutan

None

### Bolivia

BAC May 15, 1914

UCC Geneva Mar. 22, 1990

UCC Paris Mar. 22, 1990

Berne Nov. 4, 1993 (Paris)

WTO Sept. 13, 1995

### Bosnia and Herzegovina

UCC Geneva May 11, 1966

UCC Paris July 10, 1974

Berne Mar. 6, 1992 (Paris)

SAT Mar. 6, 1992

### Botswana

WTO May 31, 1995

Berne Apr. 15, 1998 (Paris)

**Brazil**

BAC Aug. 31, 1915  
Berne Feb. 9, 1922 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
Bilateral Apr. 2, 1957  
UCC Geneva Jan. 13, 1960  
Phonogram Nov. 28, 1975  
UCC Paris Dec. 11, 1975  
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Brunei Darussalam**

WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Bulgaria**

Berne Dec. 5, 1921 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
UCC Geneva June 7, 1975  
UCC Paris June 7, 1975  
Phonogram Sept. 6, 1995  
WTO Dec. 1, 1996

**Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta)**

Berne Aug. 19, 1963 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
Phonogram Jan. 30, 1988  
WTO June 3, 1995

**Burma**

(See Myanmar, Union of)

**Burundi**

WTO July 23, 1995

**Cambodia**

UCC Geneva Sept. 16, 1955

**Cameroon**

Berne Sept. 21, 1964 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
UCC Geneva May 1, 1973  
UCC Paris July 10, 1974  
WTO Dec. 13, 1995

**Canada**

Bilateral Jan. 1, 1924  
Berne Apr. 10, 1928 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
UCC Geneva Aug. 10, 1962  
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Cape Verde**

Berne July 7, 1997 (Paris)

**Central African Republic**

Berne Sept. 3, 1977 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
WTO May 31, 1995

**Chad**

Berne Nov. 25, 1971 (Brussels)<sup>2</sup>  
WTO Oct. 19, 1996

**Chile**

Bilateral May 25, 1896  
BAC June 14, 1955  
UCC Geneva Sept. 16, 1955  
Berne June 5, 1970 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
Phonogram Mar. 24, 1977  
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**China**

Bilateral Jan. 13, 1904<sup>5</sup>  
Bilateral Mar. 17, 1992<sup>9</sup>  
Berne Oct. 15, 1992 (Paris)  
UCC Geneva Oct. 30, 1992  
UCC Paris Oct. 30, 1992  
Phonogram Apr. 30, 1993

**Colombia**

BAC Dec. 23, 1936  
UCC Geneva June 18, 1976  
UCC Paris June 18, 1976  
Berne Mar. 7, 1988 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
Phonogram May 16, 1994  
WTO Apr. 30, 1995

**Comoros**

Unclear

**Congo**

Berne May 8, 1962 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
WTO Mar. 27, 1997

**Costa Rica**<sup>6</sup>

Bilateral Oct. 19, 1899  
BAC Nov. 30, 1916  
UCC Geneva Sept. 16, 1955  
Berne June 10, 1978 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
UCC Paris Mar. 7, 1980  
Phonogram June 17, 1982  
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)**

Berne Jan. 1, 1962 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Croatia**

UCC Geneva May 11, 1966  
UCC Paris July 10, 1974  
Berne Oct. 8, 1991 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
SAT Oct. 8, 1991

**Cuba**

Bilateral Nov. 17, 1903  
UCC Geneva June 18, 1957  
WTO Apr. 20, 1995  
Berne Feb. 20, 1997 (Paris)

**Cyprus**

Berne Feb. 24, 1964 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
UCC Geneva Dec. 19, 1990  
UCC Paris Dec. 19, 1990  
Phonogram Sept. 30, 1993  
WTO July 30, 1995

**Czech Republic**

UCC Geneva Jan. 6, 1960  
UCC Paris Apr. 17, 1980  
Berne Jan. 1, 1993 (Paris)  
Phonogram Jan. 1, 1993  
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Czechoslovakia**<sup>11</sup>

Bilateral Mar. 1, 1927

**Democratic Republic of Congo (formerly Zaire)**

Berne Oct. 8, 1963 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
Phonogram Nov. 29, 1977  
WTO Jan. 1, 1997

**Denmark**

Bilateral May 8, 1893  
Berne July 1, 1903 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
UCC Geneva Feb. 9, 1962  
Phonogram Mar. 24, 1977  
UCC Paris July 11, 1979  
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Djibouti**

WTO May 31, 1995

**Dominica**

WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Dominican Republic**<sup>6</sup>

BAC Oct. 31, 1912  
UCC Geneva May 8, 1983  
UCC Paris May 8, 1983  
WTO Mar. 9, 1995  
Berne Dec. 24, 1997 (Paris)

**Ecuador**

BAC Aug. 31, 1914  
UCC Geneva June 5, 1957  
Phonogram Sept. 14, 1974  
UCC Paris Sept. 6, 1991  
Berne Oct. 9, 1991 (Paris)  
WTO Jan. 21, 1996

**Egypt**

Berne June 7, 1977 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
Phonogram Apr. 23, 1978  
WTO June 30, 1995

**El Salvador**

Bilateral June 30, 1908 by virtue of  
Mexico City Convention, 1902  
Phonogram Feb. 9, 1979  
UCC Geneva Mar. 29, 1979  
UCC Paris Mar. 29, 1979  
Berne Feb. 19, 1994 (Paris)  
WTO May 7, 1995

**Equatorial Guinea**

Berne Jun. 26, 1997 (Paris)

**Estonia**

Berne Oct. 26, 1994 (Paris)

**Ethiopia**

None

**European Community**

WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Fiji**

Berne Dec. 1, 1971 (Brussels)<sup>2</sup>  
UCC Geneva Mar. 13, 1972  
Phonogram Apr. 18, 1973<sup>3</sup>  
WTO Jan. 14, 1996

**Finland**

Berne Apr. 1, 1928 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
Bilateral Jan. 1, 1929  
UCC Geneva Apr. 16, 1963  
Phonogram Apr. 18, 1973<sup>3</sup>  
UCC Paris Nov. 1, 1986  
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**France**

Berne Dec. 5, 1887 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
Bilateral July 1, 1891  
UCC Geneva Jan. 14, 1956  
Phonogram Apr. 18, 1973<sup>3</sup>  
UCC Paris July 10, 1974  
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Gabon**

Berne Mar. 26, 1962 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Gambia, The**

Berne Mar. 7, 1993 (Paris)  
WTO Oct. 23, 1996

**Georgia**

Berne May 16, 1995 (Paris)

**Germany**<sup>10</sup>

Berne Dec. 5, 1887 (Paris)<sup>2,7</sup>  
Bilateral Apr. 15, 1892  
UCC Geneva Sept. 16, 1955  
Phonogram May 18, 1974  
UCC Paris July 10, 1974  
SAT Aug. 25, 1979<sup>4</sup>  
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Ghana**

UCC Geneva Aug. 22, 1962  
Berne Oct. 11, 1991 (Paris)  
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Greece**

Berne Nov. 9, 1920 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
Bilateral Mar. 1, 1932  
UCC Geneva Aug. 24, 1963  
SAT Oct. 22, 1991  
Phonogram Feb. 9, 1994  
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Grenada**

WTO Feb. 22, 1996  
Berne Sept. 22, 1998 (Paris)

**Guatemala**<sup>6</sup>

BAC Mar. 28, 1913  
UCC Geneva Oct. 28, 1964  
Phonogram Feb. 1, 1977  
WTO July 21, 1995  
Berne Jul. 28, 1997 (Paris)

**Guinea**

Berne Nov. 20, 1980 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
UCC Geneva Nov. 13, 1981  
UCC Paris Nov. 13, 1981  
WTO Oct. 25, 1995

**Guinea-Bissau**

Berne July 22, 1991 (Paris)  
WTO May 31, 1995

**Guyana**

Berne Oct. 25, 1994 (Paris)  
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Haiti**

BAC Nov. 27, 1919  
UCC Geneva Sept. 16, 1955  
Berne Jan. 11, 1996 (Paris)  
WTO Jan. 30, 1996

**Holy See**

(See entry under Vatican City)

**Honduras**<sup>6</sup>

BAC Apr. 27, 1914  
Berne Jan. 25, 1990 (Paris)  
Phonogram Mar. 6, 1990  
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Hong Kong**<sup>12</sup>

WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Hungary**

Bilateral Oct. 16, 1912  
Berne Feb. 14, 1922 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
UCC Geneva Jan. 23, 1971  
UCC Paris July 10, 1974  
Phonogram May 28, 1975  
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Iceland**

Berne Sept. 7, 1947 (Rome)<sup>2</sup>  
UCC Geneva Dec. 18, 1956  
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**India**

Berne Apr. 1, 1928 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
Bilateral Aug. 15, 1947  
UCC Geneva Jan. 21, 1958  
Phonogram Feb. 12, 1975  
UCC Paris Apr. 7, 1988  
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Indonesia**

Bilateral Aug. 1, 1989  
WTO Jan. 1, 1995  
Berne Sept. 5, 1997 (Paris)

**Iran**

None

**Iraq**

None

**Ireland**

Berne Oct. 5, 1927 (Brussels)<sup>2</sup>  
Bilateral Oct. 1, 1929  
UCC Geneva Jan. 20, 1959  
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Israel**

Bilateral May 15, 1948  
Berne Mar. 24, 1950 (Brussels)<sup>2</sup>  
UCC Geneva Sept. 16, 1955  
Phonogram May 1, 1978  
WTO Apr. 21, 1995

**Italy**

Berne Dec. 5, 1887 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
Bilateral Oct. 31, 1892  
UCC Geneva Jan. 24, 1957  
Phonogram Mar. 24, 1977  
UCC Paris Jan. 25, 1980  
SAT July 7, 1981<sup>4</sup>  
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Ivory Coast**

(See entry under Cote d'Ivoire)

**Jamaica**

Berne Jan. 1, 1994 (Paris)  
Phonogram Jan. 11, 1994  
WTO Mar. 9, 1995

**Japan**<sup>8</sup>

Berne July 15, 1899 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
UCC Geneva Apr. 28, 1956  
UCC Paris Oct. 21, 1977  
Phonogram Oct. 14, 1978  
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Jordan**

Unclear

**Kazakhstan**

UCC Geneva May 27, 1973  
Berne Apr. 12, 1999 (Paris)

**Kenya**

UCC Geneva Sept. 7, 1966  
UCC Paris July 10, 1974  
Phonogram Apr. 21, 1976  
SAT Aug. 25, 1979<sup>4</sup>  
Berne June 11, 1993 (Paris)  
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Kiribati**

Unclear

**Korea**

Democratic People's Republic of  
Korea  
Unclear

Republic of Korea

UCC Geneva Oct. 1, 1987  
UCC Paris Oct. 1, 1987  
Phonogram Oct. 10, 1987  
WTO Jan. 1, 1995  
Berne Aug. 21, 1996 (Paris)

**Kuwait**

WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Kyrgyz Republic**

WTO Dec. 20, 1998

**Laos**

UCC Geneva Sept. 16, 1955

**Latvia**

Berne Aug. 11, 1995 (Paris)  
Phonogram Aug. 23, 1997  
WTO Feb. 10, 1999

**Lebanon**

Berne Sept. 30, 1947 (Rome)<sup>2</sup>  
UCC Geneva Oct. 17, 1959

**Lesotho**

Berne Sept. 28, 1989 (Paris)  
WTO May 31, 1995

**Liberia**

UCC Geneva July 27, 1956  
Berne Mar. 8, 1989 (Paris)

**Libya**

Berne Sept. 28, 1976 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>

**Liechtenstein**

Berne July 30, 1931 (Brussels)<sup>2</sup>  
UCC Geneva Jan. 22, 1959  
WTO Sept. 1, 1995

**Lithuania**

Berne Dec. 14, 1994 (Paris)

**Luxembourg**

Berne June 20, 1888 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
Bilateral June 29, 1910  
UCC Geneva Oct. 15, 1955  
Phonogram Mar. 8, 1976  
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Macau**

WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Macedonia (former Yugoslav Republic of)**  
 Berne Sept. 8, 1991 (Paris)  
 SAT Nov. 17, 1991  
 UCC Geneva July 30, 1997  
 UCC Paris July 30, 1997  
 Phonogram Mar. 2, 1998

**Madagascar (Malagasy Republic)**  
 Berne Jan. 1, 1966 (Brussels)<sup>2</sup>  
 WTO Nov. 17, 1995

**Malawi**  
 UCC Geneva Oct. 26, 1965  
 Berne Oct. 12, 1991 (Paris)  
 WTO May 31, 1995

**Malaysia**  
 Berne Oct. 1, 1990 (Paris)  
 WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Maldives**  
 WTO May 31, 1995

**Mali**  
 Berne Mar. 19, 1962 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
 WTO May 31, 1995

**Malta**  
 Berne Sept. 21, 1964 (Rome)<sup>2</sup>  
 UCC Geneva Nov. 19, 1968  
 WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Mauritania**  
 Berne Feb. 6, 1973 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
 WTO May 31, 1995

**Mauritius**  
 UCC Geneva Mar. 12, 1968  
 Berne May 10, 1989 (Paris)  
 WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Mexico**  
 Bilateral Feb. 27, 1896  
 UCC Geneva May 12, 1957  
 BAC Apr. 24, 1964  
 Berne June 11, 1967 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
 Phonogram Dec. 21, 1973<sup>3</sup>  
 UCC Paris Oct. 31, 1975  
 SAT Aug. 25, 1979<sup>4</sup>  
 WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Moldova**  
 Berne Nov. 2, 1995 (Paris)  
 UCC Geneva July 18, 1997

**Monaco**  
 Berne May 30, 1889 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
 Bilateral Oct. 15, 1952  
 UCC Geneva Sept. 16, 1955  
 Phonogram Dec. 2, 1974  
 UCC Paris Dec. 13, 1974

**Mongolia**  
 WTO Jan. 29, 1997  
 Berne Mar. 12, 1998 (Paris)

**Morocco**  
 Berne June 16, 1917 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
 UCC Geneva May 8, 1972  
 UCC Paris Jan. 28, 1976  
 SAT June 30, 1983<sup>4</sup>  
 WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Mozambique**  
 WTO Aug. 26, 1995

**Myanmar, Union of (formerly Burma)**  
 WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Namibia**  
 Berne Mar. 21, 1990 (Paris)  
 WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Nauru**  
 Unclear

**Nepal**  
 None

**Netherlands**  
 Bilateral Nov. 20, 1899  
 Berne Nov. 1, 1912 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
 UCC Geneva June 22, 1967  
 UCC Paris Nov. 30, 1985  
 Phonogram Oct. 12, 1993  
 WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**New Zealand**  
 Bilateral Dec. 1, 1916  
 Berne Apr. 24, 1928 (Rome)<sup>2</sup>  
 UCC Geneva Sept. 11, 1964  
 Phonogram Aug. 13, 1976  
 WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Nicaragua**<sup>6</sup>  
 BAC Dec. 15, 1913  
 UCC Geneva Aug. 16, 1961  
 SAT Aug. 25, 1979<sup>4</sup>  
 WTO Sept. 3, 1995

**Niger**  
 Berne May 2, 1962 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
 UCC Geneva May 15, 1989  
 UCC Paris May 15, 1989  
 WTO Dec. 13, 1996

**Nigeria**  
 UCC Geneva Feb. 14, 1962  
 Berne Sept. 14, 1993 (Paris)  
 WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Norway**  
 Berne Apr. 13, 1896 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
 Bilateral July 1, 1905  
 UCC Geneva Jan. 23, 1963  
 UCC Paris Aug. 7, 1974  
 Phonogram Aug. 1, 1978  
 WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Oman**  
 None

**Pakistan**  
 Berne July 5, 1948 (Rome)<sup>2</sup>  
 UCC Geneva Sept. 16, 1955  
 WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Palau**  
 Unclear

**Panama**  
 BAC Nov. 25, 1913  
 UCC Geneva Oct. 17, 1962  
 Phonogram June 29, 1974  
 UCC Paris Sept. 3, 1980  
 SAT Sept. 25, 1985  
 Berne Jun. 8, 1996 (Paris)

**Papua New Guinea**  
 WTO Jun. 9, 1996

**Paraguay**  
 BAC Sept. 20, 1917  
 UCC Geneva Mar. 11, 1962  
 Phonogram Feb. 13, 1979  
 Berne Jan. 2, 1992 (Paris)  
 WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Peru**  
 BAC Apr. 30, 1920  
 UCC Geneva Oct. 16, 1963  
 UCC Paris July 22, 1985  
 SAT Aug. 7, 1985  
 Phonogram Aug. 24, 1985  
 Berne Aug. 20, 1988 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
 WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Philippines**  
 Bilateral Oct. 21, 1948  
 Berne Aug. 1, 1951 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
 UCC status undetermined by UNESCO (Copyright Office considers that UCC relations do not exist.)  
 WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Poland**  
 Berne Jan. 28, 1920 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
 Bilateral Feb. 16, 1927  
 UCC Geneva Mar. 9, 1977  
 UCC Paris Mar. 9, 1977  
 WTO July 1, 1995

**Portugal**  
 Bilateral July 20, 1893  
 Berne Mar. 29, 1911 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
 UCC Geneva Dec. 25, 1956  
 UCC Paris July 30, 1981  
 WTO Jan. 1, 1995  
 SAT Mar. 11, 1996

**Qatar**  
 WTO Jan. 13, 1996

**Romania**  
 Berne Jan. 1, 1927 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>  
 Bilateral May 14, 1928  
 WTO Jan. 1, 1995  
 Phonogram Oct. 1, 1998

**Russian Federation**  
 UCC Geneva May 27, 1973  
 SAT Dec. 25, 1991  
 UCC Paris Mar. 9, 1995  
 Berne Mar. 13, 1995 (Paris)  
 Phonogram Mar. 13, 1995

- Rwanda**  
 Berne Mar. 1, 1984 (Paris) <sup>2</sup>  
 UCC Geneva Nov. 10, 1989  
 UCC Paris Nov. 10, 1989  
 WTO May 22, 1996
- St. Christopher (St. Kitts) and Nevis**  
 Berne Apr. 9, 1995 (Paris) <sup>2</sup>  
 WTO Feb. 21, 1996
- Saint Lucia**  
 Berne Aug. 24, 1993 (Paris) <sup>2</sup>  
 WTO Jan. 1, 1995
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines**  
 UCC Geneva Apr. 22, 1985  
 UCC Paris Apr. 22, 1985  
 WTO Jan. 1, 1995  
 Berne Aug. 29, 1995 (Paris)
- San Marino**  
 None
- São Tomé and Príncipe**  
 Unclear
- Saudi Arabia**  
 UCC Geneva July 13, 1994  
 UCC Paris July 13, 1994
- Senegal**  
 Berne Aug. 25, 1962 (Paris) <sup>2</sup>  
 UCC Geneva July 9, 1974  
 UCC Paris July 10, 1974  
 WTO Jan. 1, 1995
- Seychelles**  
 Unclear
- Sierra Leone**  
 WTO July 23, 1995
- Singapore**  
 Bilateral May 18, 1987  
 WTO Jan. 1, 1995  
 Berne Dec. 21, 1998 (Paris)
- Slovakia**  
 UCC Geneva Jan. 6, 1960  
 UCC Paris Apr. 17, 1980  
 Berne Jan. 1, 1993 (Paris) <sup>2</sup>  
 Phonogram Jan. 1, 1993  
 WTO Jan. 1, 1995
- Slovenia**  
 UCC Geneva May 11, 1966  
 UCC Paris July 10, 1974  
 Berne June 25, 1991 (Paris) <sup>2</sup>  
 SAT June 25, 1991  
 WTO July 30, 1995  
 Phonogram Oct. 15, 1996
- Solomon Islands**  
 WTO July 26, 1996
- Somalia**  
 Unclear
- South Africa**  
 Bilateral July 1, 1924  
 Berne Oct. 3, 1928 (Brussels) <sup>2</sup>  
 WTO Jan. 1, 1995
- Soviet Union**  
 (See entry under Russian Federation)
- Spain**  
 Berne Dec. 5, 1887 (Paris) <sup>2</sup>  
 Bilateral July 10, 1895  
 UCC Geneva Sept. 16, 1955  
 UCC Paris July 10, 1974  
 Phonogram Aug. 24, 1974  
 WTO Jan. 1, 1995
- Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon)**  
 Berne July 20, 1959 (Rome) <sup>2</sup>  
 UCC Geneva Jan. 25, 1984  
 UCC Paris Jan. 25, 1984  
 WTO Jan. 1, 1995
- Sudan**  
 Unclear
- Suriname**  
 Berne Feb. 23, 1977 (Paris) <sup>2</sup>  
 WTO Jan. 1, 1995
- Swaziland**  
 WTO Jan. 1, 1995  
 Berne Dec. 14, 1998 (Paris)
- Sweden**  
 Berne Aug. 1, 1904 (Paris) <sup>2</sup>  
 Bilateral June 1, 1911  
 UCC Geneva July 1, 1961  
 Phonogram Apr. 18, 1973 <sup>3</sup>  
 UCC Paris July 10, 1974  
 WTO Jan. 1, 1995
- Switzerland**  
 Berne Dec. 5, 1887 (Paris) <sup>2</sup>  
 Bilateral July 1, 1891  
 UCC Geneva Mar. 30, 1956  
 UCC Paris Sept. 21, 1993  
 SAT Sept. 24, 1993  
 Phonogram Sept. 30, 1993  
 WTO July 1, 1995
- Syria**  
 Unclear
- Tajikistan**  
 UCC Geneva May 27, 1973
- Tanzania**  
 Berne July 25, 1994 (Paris)  
 WTO Jan. 1, 1995
- Thailand**  
 Bilateral Sept. 1, 1921  
 Berne July 17, 1931 (Paris) <sup>2</sup>  
 WTO Jan. 1, 1995
- Togo**  
 Berne Apr. 30, 1975 (Paris) <sup>2</sup>  
 WTO May 31, 1995
- Tonga**  
 None
- Trinidad and Tobago**  
 Berne Aug. 16, 1988 (Paris) <sup>2</sup>  
 UCC Geneva Aug. 19, 1988  
 UCC Paris Aug. 19, 1988  
 Phonogram Oct. 1, 1988  
 WTO Mar. 1, 1995  
 SAT Nov. 1, 1996
- Tunisia**  
 Berne Dec. 5, 1887 (Paris) <sup>2</sup>  
 UCC Geneva June 19, 1969  
 UCC Paris June 10, 1975  
 WTO Mar. 29, 1995
- Turkey**  
 Berne Jan. 1, 1952 (Paris) <sup>2</sup>  
 WTO Mar. 26, 1995
- Tuvalu**  
 Unclear
- Uganda**  
 WTO Jan. 1, 1995
- Ukraine**  
 UCC Geneva May 27, 1973  
 Berne Oct. 25, 1995 (Paris)
- United Arab Emirates**  
 WTO Apr. 10, 1996
- United Kingdom**  
 Berne Dec. 5, 1887 (Paris) <sup>2</sup>  
 Bilateral July 1, 1891  
 UCC Geneva Sept. 27, 1957  
 Phonogram Apr. 18, 1973 <sup>3</sup>  
 UCC Paris July 10, 1974  
 WTO Jan. 1, 1995
- Upper Volta**  
 (See entry under Burkina Faso)
- Uruguay**  
 BAC Dec. 17, 1919  
 Berne July 10, 1967 (Paris) <sup>2</sup>  
 Phonogram Jan. 18, 1983  
 UCC Geneva Apr. 12, 1993  
 UCC Paris Apr. 12, 1993  
 WTO Jan. 1, 1995
- Vanuatu**  
 Unclear
- Vatican City (Holy See)**  
 Berne Sept. 12, 1935 (Paris) <sup>2</sup>  
 UCC Geneva Oct. 5, 1955  
 Phonogram July 18, 1977  
 UCC Paris May 6, 1980
- Venezuela**  
 UCC Geneva Sept. 30, 1966  
 Phonogram Nov. 18, 1982  
 Berne Dec. 30, 1982 (Paris) <sup>2</sup>  
 WTO Jan. 1, 1995  
 UCC Paris Feb. 11, 1997
- Vietnam**  
 Bilateral Dec. 23, 1998<sup>13</sup>

**Western Samoa**

Unclear

**Yemen (Aden)**

Unclear

**Yemen (San'a)**

None

**Yugoslavia**Berne June 17, 1930 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>

UCC Geneva May 11, 1966

UCC Paris July 10, 1974

SAT Aug. 25, 1979<sup>4</sup>**Zaire**

(See entry under Democratic

Republic of Congo)

**Zambia**

UCC Geneva June 1, 1965

Berne Jan. 2, 1992 (Paris)<sup>2</sup>

WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Zimbabwe**Berne Apr. 18, 1980 (Rome)<sup>2</sup>

WTO Mar. 3, 1995

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**STATUTORY PROVISIONS**

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The copyright law embodied in title 17 of the United States Code was completely revised by the Act of October 19, 1976 (Public Law 94-553, 90 Stat. 2541), which became fully effective on January 1, 1978. Reprinted below is section 104 of that Act, as amended by the Act of October 31, 1988 (Public Law 100-568, 102 Stat. 2853, 2855).

§104. Subject matter of copyright: National origin

(a) UNPUBLISHED WORKS.—The works specified by sections 102 and 108, while unpublished, are subject to protection under this title without regard to the nationality or domicile of the author.

(b) PUBLISHED WORKS.—The works specified by sections 102 and 103, when published, are subject to protection under this title if—

(1) on the date of first publication, one or more of the authors is a national or domiciliary of the United States, or is a national, domiciliary, or sovereign authority of a foreign nation that is a party to a copyright treaty to which the United States is also a party, or is a stateless person, wherever that person may be domiciled; or

(2) the work is first published in the United States or in a foreign nation that, on the date of first publication, is a party to the Universal Copyright Convention; or

(3) the work is first published by the United Nations or any of its specialized agencies, or by the Organization of American States; or

(4) the work is a Berne Convention work; or

(5) the work comes within the scope of a Presidential proclamation. Whenever the President finds that a particular foreign nation extends, to works by authors who are nationals or domiciliaries of the United States or to works that are first published in the United States, copyright protection on substantially the same basis as that on which the foreign nation extends protection to works of its own nationals and domiciliaries and works first published in that nation, the President may by proclamation extend protection under this title to works of which one or more of the authors is, on the date of first publication, a national, domiciliary, or sovereign authority of that nation, or which was first published in that nation. The President may revise, suspend, or revoke any such proclamation or impose any conditions or limitations on protection under a proclamation.

(c) EFFECT OF BERNE CONVENTION.—No right or interest in a work eligible for protection under this title may be claimed by virtue of, or in reliance upon, the provisions of the Berne Convention, or the adherence of the United States thereto. Any rights in a work eligible for protection

under this title that derive from this title, other Federal or State statutes, or the common law, shall not be expanded or reduced by virtue of, or in reliance upon, the provisions of the Berne Convention, or the adherence of the United States thereto.

**NOTE:** Subsequent amendments to the Copyright Act of October 19, 1976, included the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act of December 8, 1993, Pub. L. 103-182, 107 Stat. 2057, and the Uruguay Round Agreements Act of December 8, 1994, Pub. L. 103-465, 108 Stat. 4809. The latter Act amended section 104A of the Copyright Act in its entirety so as to provide for the automatic restoration of copyright in certain foreign works that were in the public domain in the United States but are protected by copyright or neighboring rights in their country of origin. The effective date for restoration of copyright in such foreign works is January 1, 1996.

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**SOME POINTS TO REMEMBER REGARDING THE INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF LITERARY AND ARTISTIC WORKS**

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There is no such thing as an “international copyright” that will automatically protect an author’s writings throughout the world. Protection against unauthorized use in a particular country basically depends on the national laws of that country. However, most countries offer protection to foreign works under certain conditions that have been greatly simplified by international copyright treaties and conventions. There are two principal international copyright conventions, the Berne Union for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Property (Berne Convention) and the Universal Copyright Convention (UCC).

An author who wishes copyright protection for his or her work in a particular country should first determine the extent of the protection available to works of foreign authors in that country. If possible, this should be done before the work is published anywhere, because protection may depend on the facts existing at the time of first publication.

If the country in which protection is sought is a party to one of the international copyright conventions, the work generally may be protected by complying with the conditions of that convention. Even if the work cannot be brought under an international convention, protection under the specific provisions of the country’s national laws may still

be possible. There are, however, some countries that offer little or no copyright protection to any foreign works. For current information on the requirements and protection provided by other countries, it may be advisable to consult an expert familiar with foreign copyright laws. The U.S. Copyright Office is not permitted to recommend agents or attorneys or to give legal advice on foreign laws.

## Footnotes

<sup>1</sup> “Paris” means the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works as revised at Paris on July 24, 1971 (Paris Act); “Stockholm” means the said Convention as revised at Stockholm on July 14, 1967 (Stockholm Act); “Brussels” means the said Convention as revised at Brussels on June 26, 1948 (Brussels Act); “Rome” means the said Convention as revised at Rome on June 2, 1928 (Rome Act); “Berlin” means the said Convention as revised at Berlin on November 13, 1908 (Berlin Act). NOTE: In each case the reference to Act signifies adherence to the substantive provisions of such Act only, *e.g.*, Articles 1 to 21 and the Appendix of the Paris Act. Articles 22 to 38 deal with administration and structure.

<sup>2</sup> The Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works of September 9, 1886, as revised at Paris on July 24, 1971, did not enter into force with respect to the United States until March 1, 1989.

<sup>3</sup> The Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms Against Unauthorized Duplication of Their Phonograms done at Geneva on October 29, 1971, did not enter into force with respect to the United States until March 10, 1974.

<sup>4</sup> The Convention Relating to the Distribution of Programme-Carrying Signals Transmitted by Satellite done at Brussels on May 21, 1974, did not enter into force with respect to the United States until March 7, 1985.

<sup>5</sup> The government of the People’s Republic of China views this treaty as not binding on the PRC. In the territory administered by the authorities on Taiwan the treaty is considered to be in force.

<sup>6</sup> This country became a party to the Mexico City Convention, 1902, effective June 30, 1908, to which the United States also became a party, effective on the same date. As regards copyright relations with the United States, this Convention is considered to have been superseded by adher-

ence of this country and the United States to the Buenos Aires Convention of 1910.

<sup>7</sup> Date on which the accession by the German Empire became effective.

<sup>8</sup> Bilateral copyright relations between Japan and the United States, which were formulated effective May 10, 1906, are considered to have been abrogated and superseded by the adherence of Japan to the UCC Geneva, effective April 28, 1956.

<sup>9</sup> Bilateral copyright relations between the People’s Republic of China and the United States of America were established, effective March 17, 1992, by a Presidential Proclamation of the same date, under the authority of section 104 of title 17 of the United States Code, as amended by the Act of October 31, 1988 (Public Law 100-568, 102 Stat. 2853, 2855).

<sup>10</sup> The dates of adherence by Germany to multilateral treaties include adherence by the Federal Republic of Germany when that country was divided into the Federal Republic of Germany and the German Democratic Republic. However, through the accession, effective October 3, 1990, of the German Democratic Republic to the Federal Republic of Germany, in accordance with the German Unification Treaty of August 31, 1990, the German Democratic Republic ceased, on the said date, to be a sovereign state. Previously, the German Democratic Republic had become party to the Paris Act of the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works on February 18, 1978, but ceased to be a party to the said Convention on October 3, 1990. The German Democratic Republic had also been a member of the Universal Copyright Convention, having become party to the Geneva text of the said Convention on October 5, 1973, and party to the revised Paris text of the same Convention on December 10, 1980.

<sup>11</sup> See also Czech Republic and Slovakia.

<sup>12</sup> Prior to the return of Hong Kong to China, bilateral copyright relations existed with Hong Kong through the United Kingdom (from August 1, 1973), and Phonogram Convention Membership existed through the United Kingdom (from March 4, 1975).

<sup>13</sup> Bilateral copyright relations between the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the United States were established effective December 23, 1998, by Presidential Proclamation No. 7161 of that same date, at 63 Fed. Reg. 71571 (1998), under the authority of sections 104(b)(5) and 104A(g) of title 17 of the United States Code, as amended.



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