

[Proposed class or classes of copyrighted work(s) to be exempted]= Exemption is requested for the following class of works within the statutory class of literary works: "Mobile Network Connection Programs." Computer programs in the form of firmware or software that enable mobile communication handsets to connect to a wireless communication network, when circumvention is accomplished for the sole purpose of lawfully connecting to a wireless communication network.

[Brief summary of the argument(s) in support of the exemption proposed above]= Continued exemption is needed for Mobile Network Connection Programs because carrier locks that are commonly incorporated in such programs prevent them from being modified so the handsets can be used on other networks, thereby dramatically reducing competition and hurting American consumers as well as our landfills. While redirecting Mobile Network Connection Programs does not infringe the associated copyrights and yet cannot be accomplished without unlocking the carrier locks, the exemption remains imperative.