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Class of works: I am writing in support of Class #1 (Copy-Protected CDs): Sound recordings released on compact disc ("CDs") that are protected by technological protection measures that malfunction so as to prevent access on certain playback devices.

Summary:

Disc name: Aerosmith, Nine Lives

I purchased Nine Lives by Aerosmith expecting to receive a normal CD that I could play wherever I liked. Instead what received was a CD that is filled with all manner of additional content that I could care less about. I simply wanted to listen to the music on my PC. I was leery when I inserted the CD and it asked me to install something to my hard drive. I immediately aborted the installation and launched Winamp, which is the free media player I prefer to use. I added the contents of the CD to my play list and was dismayed when it played a long string of sound effects. These apparently are sound effects that the custom player (that I did not install) uses for its interface. There is no music by the artist to be found by my media player. Let us hope that Aerosmith and other artists will wake up and let their fans experience music however they wish when it is purchased. For now, I do not think I will be purchasing another Aerosmith CD.