

International Copyright Relations of the United States

General Information

This publication sets forth United States copyright relations of current interest with the other independent nations of the world.

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 several such treaties and conventions affecting copyright, including the Berne Union for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Property (Berne Convention); the Universal Copyright Convention (UCC); the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS), one of several agreements comprising the Marrakesh Agreement of April 15, 1994, which created the World Trade Organization (WTO); and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) treaties, the WIPO Copyright Treaty (WCT) and the WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty (WPPT).

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.

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List of Relations

How to Use This List

Each entry below gives a country name (and any alternate name) and a statement of copyright relations. The following abbreviations are used to refer to specific multilateral agreements or bilateral relations:

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.

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 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.

Note that “Berne (Paris)” means the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works as revised at Paris on July 24, 1971 (Paris Act). “Berne (Stockholm)” means the said Convention as revised at Stockholm on July 14, 1967 (Stockholm Act). “Berne (Brussels)” means the said Convention as revised at Brussels on June 26, 1948 (Brussels Act). “Berne (Rome)” means the said Convention as revised at Rome on June 2, 1928 (Rome Act). “Berne (Berlin)” means the said Convention as revised at Berlin on Nov. 13, 1908 (Berlin Act). In each case the reference to the 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.

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.

None · No copyright relations with the United States.

Phonograms · 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.

UCC Geneva · Party to the Universal Copyright Convention, Geneva, 1952, as of the date given. The effective date for the United States is Sept. 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 · Has not established copyright relations with the United States, but may be honoring obligations incurred under former political status.

WCT · Party to the World Intellectual Property Organization Copyright Treaty, Geneva, 1996, as of the date provided. The effective date for the United States is March 6, 2002, the date the treaty entered into force.

WPPT · Party to the World Intellectual Property Organization Performances and Phonograms Treaty, Geneva, 1996, as of the date provided. The effective date for the United States is May 20, 2002, the date the treaty entered into force.

WTO · Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO), 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 Jan. 1, 1995. A country’s membership in the WTO is effective as of the date indicated.

Relations as of January 2005

Afghanistan · *None*

Albania · *Berne (Paris)* March 6, 1994; *WTO* Sept. 8, 2000; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

Algeria · *UCC Geneva* Aug. 28, 1973; *UCC Paris* July 10, 1974; *Berne (Paris)* April 19, 1998

Andorra · *UCC Geneva* Sept. 16, 1955; *Berne (Paris)* June 2, 2004

Angola · *WTO* Nov. 23, 1996

Antigua and Barbuda · *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *Berne (Paris)* March 17, 2000

Argentina · *Bilateral* Aug. 23, 1934; *BAC* April 19, 1950; *UCC Geneva* Feb. 13, 1958; *Berne (Paris)* June 10, 1967; *Phonograms* June 30, 1973; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *WCT* March 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

Armenia¹ · *UCC Geneva* May 27, 1973; *SAT* Dec. 13, 1993; *Berne (Paris)* Oct. 19, 2000

Australia · *Bilateral* March 15, 1918; *Bilateral* Jan. 1, 2005²; *Berne (Paris)* April 14, 1928; *UCC Geneva* May 1, 1969;

Phonograms June 22, 1974; *UCC Paris* Feb. 28, 1978; *SAT* Oct. 26, 1990; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Austria · *Bilateral* Sept. 20, 1907; *Berne (Paris)* Oct. 1, 1920; *UCC Geneva* July 2, 1957; *SAT* Aug. 6, 1982; *UCC Paris* Aug. 14, 1982; *Phonograms* Aug. 21, 1982; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Azerbaijan¹ · *UCC Geneva* May 27, 1973; *Berne (Paris)* June 4, 1999; *Phonograms* Sept. 1, 2001

Bahamas, The · *Berne (Brussels)* July 10, 1973; *UCC Geneva* Dec. 27, 1976; *UCC Paris* Dec. 27, 1976

Bahrain · *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *Berne (Paris)* March 2, 1997

Bangladesh · *UCC Geneva* Aug. 5, 1975; *UCC Paris* Aug. 5, 1975; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *Berne (Paris)* May 4, 1999

Barbados · *UCC Geneva* June 18, 1983; *UCC Paris* June 18, 1983; *Berne (Paris)* July 30, 1983; *Phonograms* July 29, 1983; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Belarus¹ · *UCC Geneva* May 27, 1973; *Berne (Paris)* Dec. 12, 1997; *WCT* March 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

Belgium · *Berne (Paris)* Dec. 5, 1887; *Bilateral* July 1, 1891³

Belize · *UCC Geneva* Dec. 1, 1982; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *Berne (Paris)* June 17, 2000

Benin · *Berne (Paris)* Jan. 3, 1961; *WTO* Feb. 22, 1996

Bhutan · *None*

Bolivia · *BAC* May 15, 1914; *UCC Geneva* March 22, 1990; *UCC Paris* March 22, 1990; *Berne (Paris)* Nov. 4, 1993; *WTO* Sept. 12, 1995

Bosnia and Herzegovina · *UCC Geneva* May 11, 1966; *UCC Paris* July 10, 1974; *Berne (Paris)* March 1, 1992; *SAT* March 6, 1992

Botswana · *WTO* May 31, 1995; *Berne (Paris)* April 15, 1998

Brazil · *BAC* Aug. 31, 1915; *Berne (Paris)* Feb. 9, 1922; *Bilateral* April 2, 1957; *UCC Geneva* Jan. 13, 1960; *Phonograms* Nov. 28, 1975; *UCC Paris* Dec. 11, 1975; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Brunei · *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Bulgaria · *Berne (Paris)* Dec. 5, 1921; *UCC Geneva* June 7, 1975; *UCC Paris* June 7, 1975; *Phonograms* Sept. 6, 1995; *WTO* Dec. 1, 1996; *WCT* March 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

Burkina Faso · *Berne (Paris)* Aug. 19, 1963; *Phonograms* Jan. 30, 1988; *WTO* June 3, 1995; *WCT* March 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

Burundi · *WTO* July 23, 1995

Cambodia · *UCC Geneva* Sept. 16, 1955

Cameroon · *Berne (Paris)* Sept. 21, 1964; *UCC Geneva* May 1, 1973; *UCC Paris* July 10, 1974; *WTO* Dec. 13, 1995

Canada · *Bilateral* Jan. 1, 1924; *Berne (Paris)* April 10, 1928; *UCC Geneva* Aug. 10, 1962; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Cape Verde · *Berne (Paris)* July 7, 1997

Central African Republic · *Berne (Paris)* Sept. 3, 1977; *WTO* May 31, 1995

Chad · *Berne (Paris)* Nov. 25, 1971; *WTO* Oct. 19, 1996

Chile · *Bilateral* May 25, 1896; *Bilateral* Jan. 1, 2004⁴; *BAC* June 14, 1955; *UCC Geneva* Sept. 16, 1955; *Berne (Paris)* June 5, 1970; *Phonograms* March 24, 1977; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *WCT* March 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

China · *Bilateral* Jan. 13, 1904⁵; *Bilateral* March 17, 1992⁶; *Berne (Paris)* Oct. 15, 1992; *UCC Geneva* Oct. 30, 1992; *UCC Paris* Oct. 30, 1992; *Phonograms* April 30, 1993; *WTO* Dec. 22, 2001

Chinese Taipei (Taiwan)⁵ · *WTO* Jan. 1, 2002

Colombia · *BAC* Dec. 23, 1936; *UCC Geneva* June 18, 1976; *UCC Paris* June 18, 1976; *Berne (Paris)* March 7, 1988; *Phonograms* May 16, 1994; *WTO* April 30, 1995; *WCT* March 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

Comoros · *Unclear*

Congo, Democratic Republic of the · *Berne (Paris)* Oct. 8, 1963; *Phonograms* Nov. 29, 1977; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1997

Congo, Republic of the · *Berne (Paris)* May 8, 1962; *WTO* March 27, 1997

Costa Rica⁷ · *Bilateral* Oct. 19, 1899; *BAC* Nov. 30, 1916; *UCC Geneva* Sept. 16, 1955; *Berne (Paris)* June 10, 1978; *UCC Paris* March 7, 1980; *Phonograms* June 17, 1982; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *SAT* June 25, 1999; *WCT* March 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

Cote d'Ivoire · *Berne (Paris)* Jan. 1, 1962; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Croatia · *UCC Geneva* May 11, 1966; *UCC Paris* July 10, 1974; *Berne (Paris)* Oct. 8, 1991; *SAT* Oct. 8, 1991; *Phonograms* April 20, 2000; *WTO* Nov. 30, 2000; *WCT* March 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

Cuba · *Bilateral* Nov. 17, 1903; *UCC Geneva* June 18, 1957; *WTO* April 20, 1995; *Berne (Paris)* Feb. 20, 1997

Cyprus · *Berne (Paris)* Feb. 24, 1964; *UCC Geneva* Dec. 19, 1990; *UCC Paris* Dec. 19, 1990; *Phonograms* Sept. 30, 1993; *WTO* July 30, 1995

Czech Republic · *UCC Geneva* Jan. 6, 1960; *UCC Paris* April 17, 1980; *Berne (Paris)* Jan. 1, 1993; *Phonograms* Jan. 1, 1993; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *WCT* March 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

Denmark · *Bilateral* May 8, 1893; *Berne (Paris)* July 1, 1903; *UCC Geneva* Feb. 9, 1962; *Phonograms* March 24, 1977; *UCC Paris* July 11, 1979; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Djibouti · *WTO* May 31, 1995; *Berne (Paris)* May 13, 2002

Dominica · *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *Berne (Paris)* Aug. 7, 1999

Dominican Republic⁷ · *BAC* Oct. 31, 1912; *UCC Geneva* May 8, 1983; *UCC Paris* May 8, 1983; *WTO* March 9, 1995; *Berne (Paris)* Dec. 24, 1997

Ecuador · *BAC* Aug. 31, 1914; *UCC Geneva* June 5, 1957; *Phonograms* Sept. 14, 1974; *UCC Paris* Sept. 6, 1991; *Berne (Paris)* Oct. 9, 1991; *WTO* Jan. 21, 1996; *WCT* March 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

Egypt · *Berne (Paris)* June 7, 1977; *Phonograms* April 23, 1978; *WTO* June 30, 1995

El Salvador · *Bilateral* June 30, 1908, by virtue of Mexico City Convention, 1902; *Phonograms* Feb. 9, 1979; *UCC Geneva* March 29, 1979; *UCC Paris* March 29, 1979; *Berne (Paris)* Feb. 19, 1994; *WTO* May 7, 1995; *WCT* March 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

Equatorial Guinea · *Berne (Paris)* June 26, 1997

Eritrea · *None*

Estonia · *Berne (Paris)* Oct. 26, 1994; *WTO* Nov. 13, 1999; *Phonograms* May 28, 2000

Ethiopia · *None*

European Community · *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Fiji · *Berne (Brussels)* Dec. 1, 1971; *UCC Geneva* March 13, 1972; *Phonograms* April 18, 1973; *WTO* Jan. 14, 1996

Finland · *Berne (Paris)* April 1, 1928; *Bilateral* Jan. 1, 1929; *UCC Geneva* April 16, 1963; *Phonograms* April 18, 1973; *UCC Paris* Nov. 1, 1986; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

France · *Berne (Paris)* Dec. 5, 1887; *Bilateral* July 1, 18913; *UCC Geneva* Jan. 14, 1956; *Phonograms* April 18, 1973; *UCC Paris* July 10, 1974; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Gabon · *Berne (Paris)* March 26, 1962; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *WCT* March 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

Gambia, The · *Berne (Paris)* March 7, 1993; *WTO* Oct. 23, 1996

Georgia¹ · *UCC Geneva* May 27, 1973; *Berne (Paris)* May 16, 1995; *WTO* June 14, 2000; *WCT* March 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

Germany⁸ · *Berne (Paris)* Dec. 5, 1887⁹; *Bilateral* April 15, 1892; *UCC Geneva* Sept. 16, 1955; *Bilateral* July 12, 1967¹⁰; *Phonograms* May 18, 1974; *UCC Paris* July 10, 1974; *SAT* Aug. 25, 1979; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

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

Greece · *Berne (Paris)* Nov. 9, 1920; *Bilateral* March 1, 1932; *UCC Geneva* Aug. 24, 1963; *SAT* Oct. 22, 1991; *Phonograms* Feb. 9, 1994; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Grenada · *WTO* Feb. 22, 1996; *Berne (Paris)* Sept. 22, 1998

Guatemala⁷ · *BAC* March 28, 1913; *UCC Geneva* Oct. 28, 1964; *Phonograms* Feb. 1, 1977; *WTO* July 21, 1995; *Berne (Paris)* July 28, 1997; *WCT* Feb. 4, 2003; *WPPT* Jan. 8, 2003

Guinea · *Berne (Paris)* Nov. 20, 1980; *UCC Geneva* Nov. 13, 1981; *UCC Paris* Nov. 13, 1981; *WTO* Oct. 25, 1995; *WCT* May 25, 2002; *WPPT* May 25, 2002

Guinea-Bissau · *Berne (Paris)* July 22, 1991; *WTO* May 31, 1995

Guyana · *Berne (Paris)* Oct. 25, 1994; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

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

Honduras⁷ · *BAC* April 27, 1914; *Berne (Paris)* Jan. 25, 1990; *Phonograms* March 6, 1990; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *WCT* May 20, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

Hong Kong¹¹ · *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *Berne (Paris)* July 1, 1997; *Phonograms* July 1, 1997

Hungary · *Bilateral* Oct. 16, 1912; *Berne (Paris)* Feb. 14, 1922; *UCC Geneva* Jan. 23, 1971; *UCC Paris* July 10, 1974; *Phonograms* May 28, 1975; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *WCT* March 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

Iceland · *Berne (Rome)* Sept. 7, 1947; *UCC Geneva* Dec. 18, 1956; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

India · *Berne (Paris)* April 1, 1928; *Bilateral* Aug. 15, 1947; *UCC Geneva* Jan. 21, 1958; *Phonograms* Feb. 12, 1975; *UCC Paris* April 7, 1988; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Indonesia · *Bilateral* Aug. 1, 1989; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *Berne (Paris)* Sept. 5, 1997; *WCT* March 6, 2002

Iran · *None*

Iraq · *None*

Ireland · *Berne (Brussels)* Oct. 5, 1927; *Bilateral* Oct. 1, 1929; *UCC Geneva* Jan. 20, 1959; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Israel · *Bilateral* May 15, 1948; *Berne (Brussels)* March 24, 1950; *UCC Geneva* Sept. 16, 1955; *Phonograms* May 1, 1978; *WTO* April 21, 1995

Italy · *Berne (Paris)* Dec. 5, 1887; *Bilateral* Oct. 31, 1892; *UCC Geneva* Jan. 24, 1957; *Phonograms* March 24, 1977; *UCC Paris* Jan. 25, 1980; *SAT* July 7, 1981; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Jamaica · *Berne (Paris)* Jan. 1, 1994; *Phonograms* Jan. 11, 1994; *WTO* March 9, 1995; *SAT* Jan. 12, 2000; *WCT* June 12, 2002; *WPPT* June 12, 2002

Japan¹² · *Berne (Paris)* July 15, 1899; *UCC Geneva* April 28, 1956; *UCC Paris* Oct. 21, 1977; *Phonograms* Oct. 14, 1978; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *WCT* March 6, 2002; *WPPT* Oct. 9, 2002

Jordan · *Berne (Paris)* July 28, 1999; *WTO* April 11, 2000; *Bilateral* Dec. 17, 2001¹³; *WCT* April 27, 2004; *WPPT* May 24, 2004

Kazakhstan¹ · *UCC Geneva* May 27, 1973; *Berne (Paris)* April 12, 1999; *Phonograms* Aug. 3, 2001

Kenya · *UCC Geneva* Sept. 7, 1966; *UCC Paris* July 10, 1974; *Phonograms* April 21, 1976; *SAT* Aug. 25, 1979; *Berne (Paris)* June 11, 1993; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Kiribati · *Unclear*

Korea, North · *Unclear*

Korea, South · *UCC Geneva* Oct. 1, 1987; *UCC Paris* Oct. 1, 1987; *Phonograms* Oct. 10, 1987; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *Berne (Paris)* Aug. 21, 1996

Kuwait · *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Kyrgyz Republic¹ · *UCC Geneva* May 27, 1973; *WTO* Dec. 20, 1998; *Berne (Paris)* July 8, 1999; *WCT* March 6, 2002; *WPPT* Aug. 15, 2002; *Phonograms* Oct. 12, 2002

Laos · *UCC Geneva* Sept. 16, 1955

Latvia · *Berne (Paris)* Aug. 11, 1995; *Phonograms* Aug. 23, 1997; *WTO* Feb. 10, 1999; *WCT* March 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

Lebanon · *Berne (Rome)* Sept. 30, 1947; *UCC Geneva* Oct. 17, 1959

Lesotho · *Berne (Paris)* Sept. 28, 1989; *WTO* May 31, 1995

Liberia · *UCC Geneva* July 27, 1956; *Berne (Paris)* March 8, 1989

Libya · *Berne (Paris)* Sept. 28, 1976

Liechtenstein · *Berne (Paris)* July 30, 1931; *UCC Geneva* Jan. 22, 1959; *WTO* Sept. 1, 1995; *Phonograms* Oct. 12, 1999; *UCC Paris* Nov. 11, 1999

Lithuania · *Berne (Paris)* Dec. 14, 1994; *Phonograms* Jan. 27, 2000; *WTO* May 31, 2001; *WCT* March 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

Luxembourg · *Berne (Paris)* June 20, 1888; *Bilateral* June 29, 1910; *UCC Geneva* Oct. 15, 1955; *Phonograms* March 8, 1976; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Macau · *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *Berne (Paris)* Dec. 20, 1999

Macedonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of · *Berne (Paris)* Sept. 8, 1991; *SAT* Nov. 17, 1991; *UCC Geneva* July 30, 1997; *UCC Paris* July 30, 1997; *Phonograms* March 2, 1998; *WCT* Feb. 4, 2004

Madagascar · *Berne (Brussels)* Jan. 1, 1966; *WTO* Nov. 17, 1995

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

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

Maldives · *WTO* May 31, 1995

Mali · *Berne (Rome)* March 19, 1962; *WTO* May 31, 1995; *WCT* April 24, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

Malta · *Berne (Rome)* Sept. 21, 1964; *UCC Geneva* Nov. 19, 1968; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Mauritania · *Berne (Paris)* Feb. 6, 1973; *WTO* May 31, 1995

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

Mexico · *Bilateral* Feb. 27, 1896; *UCC Geneva* May 12, 1957; *BAC* April 24, 1964; *Berne (Paris)* June 11, 1967; *Phonograms* Dec. 21, 1973; *UCC Paris* Oct. 31, 1975; *SAT* Aug. 25, 1979; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *WCT* March 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

Micronesia, Federated States of · *Berne (Paris)* Oct. 7, 2003

Moldova¹ · *UCC Geneva* May 27, 1973; *Berne (Paris)* Nov. 2, 1995; *Phonograms* July 17, 2000; *WTO* July 26, 2001; *WCT* March 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

Monaco · *Berne (Paris)* May 30, 1889; *Bilateral* Oct. 15, 1952; *UCC Geneva* Sept. 16, 1955; *Phonograms* Dec. 2, 1974; *UCC Paris* Dec. 13, 1974

Mongolia · *WTO* Jan. 29, 1997; *Berne (Paris)* March 12, 1998; *WCT* Oct. 25, 2002; *WPPT* Oct. 25, 2002

Morocco · *Berne (Paris)* June 16, 1917; *UCC Geneva* May 8, 1972; *UCC Paris* Jan. 28, 1976; *SAT* June 30, 1983; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Mozambique · *WTO* Aug. 26, 1995

Myanmar, Union of · *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Namibia · *Berne (Paris)* March 21, 1990; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Nauru · *Unclear*

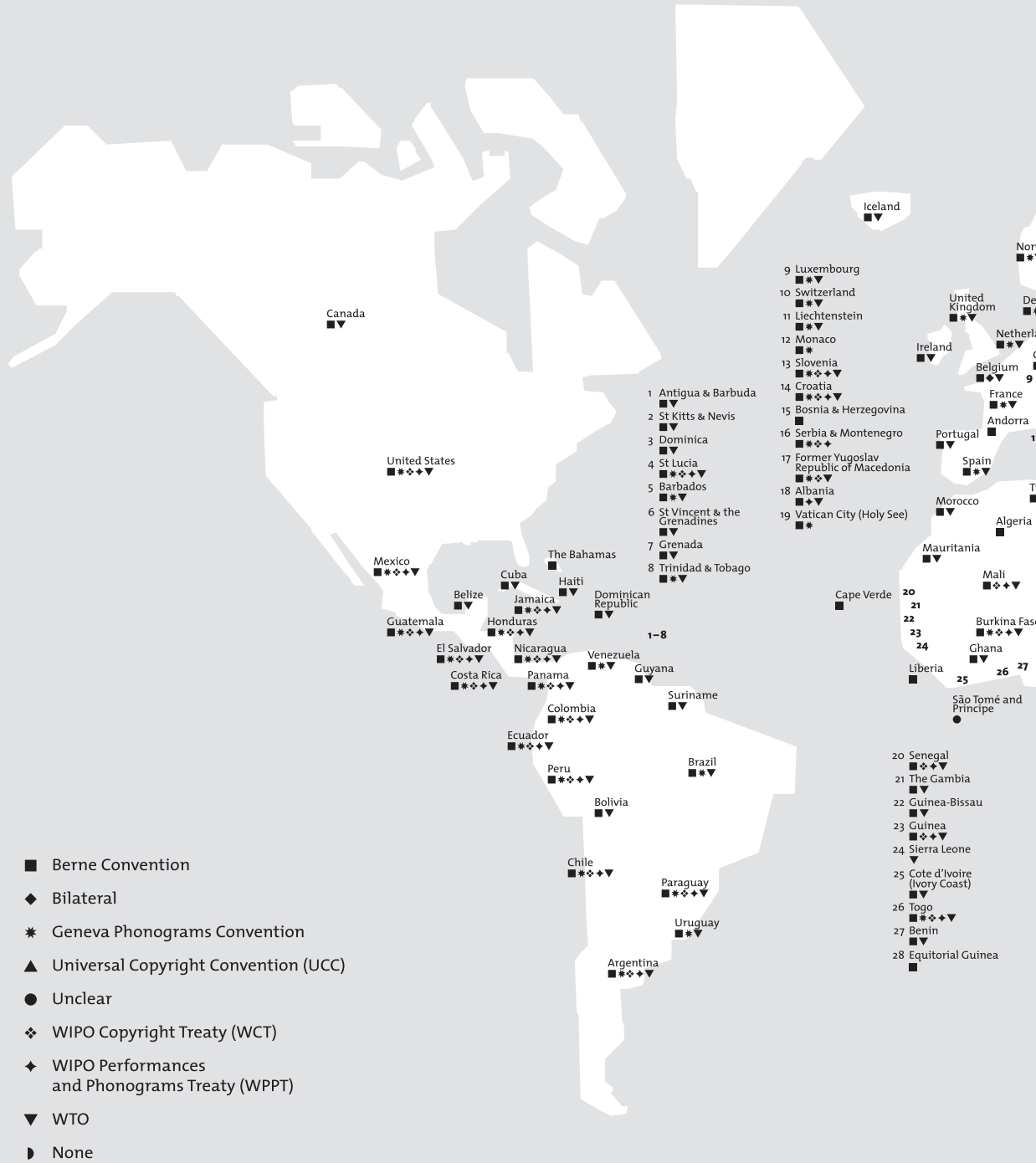
Nepal · *None*

Netherlands and Possessions · *Bilateral* Nov. 20, 1899; *Berne (Paris)* Nov. 1, 1912; *UCC Geneva* June 22, 1967; *UCC Paris* Nov. 30, 1985; *Phonograms* Oct. 12, 1993; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

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International Copyright Treaties and Conventions

RELATIONS AS OF JANUARY 2005



This map does not indicate membership in the UCC or bilateral treaty relations for any country that is either party to the Berne Convention or a member of the WTO.



Finland

Sweden

Estonia

Latvia

Lithuania

Poland

Czech Republic

Austria

Hungary

San Marino

Romania

Italy

Bulgaria

Greece

Turkey

Malta

Cyprus

Libya

Egypt

Chad

Sudan

Nigeria

Central African Republic

Cameroon

Democratic Republic of Congo

Gabon

Congo

Angola

Namibia

Botswana

South Africa

Lesotho

Swaziland

Russia

Mongolia

Kazakhstan

Uzbekistan

Kyrgyz Republic

North Korea

South Korea

Japan

China

Chinese Taipei (Taiwan)

Hong Kong

Macau

India

Union of Myanmar (Formerly Burma)

Thailand

Vietnam

Philippines

Malaysia

Singapore

Brunei

Indonesia

Papua New Guinea

Australia

New Zealand

Federated States of Micronesia

Nauru

Solomon Islands

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New Zealand · *Bilateral* Dec. 1, 1916; *Berne (Rome)* April 24, 1928; *UCC Geneva* Sept. 11, 1964; *Phonograms* Aug. 13, 1976; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Nicaragua⁷ · *BAC* Dec. 15, 1913; *UCC Geneva* Aug. 16, 1961; *SAT* Aug. 25, 1979; *WTO* Sept. 3, 1995; *Phonograms* Aug. 10, 2000; *Berne (Paris)* Aug. 23, 2000; *WCT* March 6, 2003; *WPPT* March 6, 2003

Niger · *Berne (Paris)* May 2, 1962; *UCC Geneva* May 15, 1989; *UCC Paris* May 15, 1989; *WTO* Dec. 13, 1996

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

Norway · *Berne (Paris)* April 13, 1896; *Bilateral* July 1, 1905; *UCC Geneva* Jan. 23, 1963; *UCC Paris* Aug. 7, 1974; *Phonograms* Aug. 1, 1978; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Oman · *Berne (Paris)* July 14, 1999; *WTO* Nov. 9, 2000

Pakistan · *Berne (Rome)* July 5, 1948; *UCC Geneva* Sept. 16, 1955; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Palau · *Unclear*

Panama · *BAC* Nov. 25, 1913; *UCC Geneva* Oct. 17, 1962; *Phonograms* June 29, 1974; *UCC Paris* Sept. 3, 1980; *SAT* Sept. 25, 1985; *Berne (Paris)* June 8, 1996; *WTO* Sept. 6, 1997; *WCT* March 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

Papua New Guinea · *WTO* June 9, 1996

Paraguay · *BAC* Sept. 20, 1917; *UCC Geneva* March 11, 1962; *Phonograms* Feb. 13, 1979; *Berne (Paris)* Jan. 2, 1992; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *WCT* March 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

Peru · *BAC* April 30, 1920; *UCC Geneva* Oct. 16, 1963; *UCC Paris* July 22, 1985; *SAT* Aug. 7, 1985; *Phonograms* Aug. 24, 1985; *Berne (Paris)* Aug. 20, 1988; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *WCT* March 6, 2002; *WPPT* July 18, 2002

Philippines · *Bilateral* Oct. 21, 1948; *Berne (Paris)* Aug. 1, 1951; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *WCT* Oct. 4, 2002; *WPPT* Oct. 4, 2002

Poland · *Berne (Paris)* Jan. 28, 1920; *Bilateral* Feb. 16, 1927; *UCC Geneva* March 9, 1977; *UCC Paris* March 9, 1977; *WTO* July 1, 1995; *WPPT* Oct. 21, 2003; *WCT* March 23, 2004

Portugal · *Bilateral* July 20, 1893; *Berne (Paris)* March 29, 1911; *UCC Geneva* Dec. 25, 1956; *UCC Paris* July 30, 1981; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *SAT* March 11, 1996

Qatar · *WTO* Jan. 13, 1996; *Berne (Paris)* July 5, 2000

Romania · *Berne (Paris)* Jan. 1, 1927; *Bilateral* May 14, 1928; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *Phonograms* Oct. 1, 1998; *WCT* March 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

Russia¹ · *UCC Geneva* May 27, 1973; *SAT* Dec. 25, 1991; *UCC Paris* March 9, 1995; *Berne (Paris)* March 13, 1995; *Phonograms* March 13, 1995

Rwanda · *Berne (Paris)* March 1, 1984; *UCC Geneva* Nov. 10, 1989; *UCC Paris* Nov. 10, 1989; *WTO* May 22, 1996

St. Kitts and Nevis · *Berne (Paris)* April 9, 1995; *WTO* Feb. 21, 1996

Saint Lucia · *Berne (Paris)* Aug. 24, 1993; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *Phonograms* April 2, 2001; *WCT* March 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines · *UCC Geneva* April 22, 1985; *UCC Paris* April 22, 1985; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *Berne (Paris)* Aug. 29, 1995

Samoa · *Unclear*

San Marino · *None*

São Tomé and Príncipe · *Unclear*

Saudi Arabia · *UCC Geneva* July 13, 1994; *UCC Paris* July 13, 1994; *Berne (Paris)* March 11, 2004

Senegal · *Berne (Paris)* Aug. 25, 1962; *UCC Geneva* July 9, 1974; *UCC Paris* July 10, 1974; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *WCT* May 18, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

Serbia and Montenegro · *Berne (Paris)* June 17, 1930; *UCC Geneva* May 11, 1966; *UCC Paris* July 10, 1974; *SAT* Aug. 25, 1979

Seychelles · *Unclear*

Sierra Leone · *WTO* July 23, 1995

Singapore · *Bilateral* May 18, 1987; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *Berne (Paris)* Dec. 21, 1998

Slovakia · *UCC Geneva* Jan. 6, 1960; *UCC Paris* April 17, 1980; *Berne (Paris)* Jan. 1, 1993; *Phonograms* Jan. 1, 1993; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *WCT* March 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

Slovenia · *UCC Geneva* May 11, 1966; *UCC Paris* July 10, 1974; *Berne (Paris)* June 25, 1991; *SAT* June 25, 1991; *WTO* July 30, 1995; *Phonograms* Oct. 15, 1996; *WCT* March 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

Solomon Islands · *WTO* July 26, 1996

Somalia · *Unclear*

South Africa · *Bilateral* July 1, 1924; *Berne (Brussels)* Oct. 3, 1928; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Spain · *Berne (Paris)* Dec. 5, 1887; *Bilateral* July 10, 1895; *UCC Geneva* Sept. 16, 1955; *UCC Paris* July 10, 1974; *Phonograms* Aug. 24, 1974; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Sri Lanka · *Berne (Rome)* July 20, 1959; *UCC Geneva* Jan. 25, 1984; *UCC Paris* Jan. 25, 1984; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Sudan · *Berne (Paris)* Dec. 28, 2000

Suriname · *Berne (Paris)* Feb. 23, 1977; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Swaziland · *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *Berne (Paris)* Dec. 14, 1998

Sweden · *Berne (Paris)* Aug. 1, 1904; *Bilateral* June 1, 1911; *UCC Geneva* July 1, 1961; *Phonograms* April 18, 1973; *UCC Paris* July 10, 1974; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Switzerland · *Berne (Paris)* Dec. 5, 1887; *Bilateral* July 1, 1891³; *UCC Geneva* March 30, 1956; *UCC Paris* Sept. 21, 1993; *SAT* Sept. 24, 1993; *Phonograms* Sept. 30, 1993; *WTO* July 1, 1995

Syria · *Unclear*

Tajikistan¹ · *UCC Geneva* May 27, 1973; *Berne (Paris)* March 9, 2000

Tanzania · *Berne (Paris)* July 25, 1994; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Thailand · *Bilateral* Sept. 1, 1921; *Berne (Paris)* July 17, 1931; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Togo · *Berne (Paris)* April 30, 1975; *WTO* May 31, 1995

Tonga · *Berne (Paris)* June 14, 2001

Trinidad and Tobago · *Berne (Paris)* Aug. 16, 1988; *UCC Geneva* Aug. 19, 1988; *UCC Paris* Aug. 19, 1988; *Phonograms* Oct. 1, 1988; *WTO* March 1, 1995; *SAT* Nov. 1, 1996

Tunisia · *Berne (Paris)* Dec. 5, 1887; *UCC Geneva* June 19, 1969; *UCC Paris* June 10, 1975; *WTO* March 29, 1995

Turkey · *Berne (Paris)* Jan. 1, 1952; *WTO* March 26, 1995

Turkmenistan¹ · *UCC Geneva* May 27, 1973

Tuvalu · *Unclear*

Uganda · *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Ukraine¹ · *UCC Geneva* May 27, 1973; *Berne (Paris)* Oct. 25, 1995; *Phonograms* Feb. 18, 2000; *WCT* March 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

United Arab Emirates · *WTO* April 10, 1996; *Berne (Paris)* July 14, 2004

United Kingdom · *Berne (Paris)* Dec. 5, 1887; *Bilateral* July 1, 1891³; *UCC Geneva* Sept. 27, 1957; *Phonograms* April 18, 1973; *UCC Paris* July 10, 1974; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Uruguay · *BAC* Dec. 17, 1919; *Berne (Paris)* July 10, 1967; *Phonograms* Jan. 18, 1983; *UCC Geneva* April 12, 1993; *UCC Paris* April 12, 1993; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Uzbekistan¹ · *UCC Geneva* May 27, 1973

Vanuatu · *Unclear*

Vatican City (Holy See) · *Berne (Paris)* Sept. 12, 1935; *UCC Geneva* Oct. 5, 1955; *Phonograms* July 18, 1977; *UCC Paris* May 6, 1980

Venezuela · *UCC Geneva* Sept. 30, 1966; *Phonograms* Nov. 18, 1982; *Berne (Paris)* Dec. 30, 1982; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *UCC Paris* Feb. 11, 1997

Vietnam · *Bilateral* Dec. 23, 1998¹⁴; *Bilateral* Dec. 10, 2001

Yemen · *Unclear*

Zambia · *UCC Geneva* June 1, 1965; *Berne (Paris)* Jan. 2, 1992; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Zimbabwe · *Berne (Rome)* April 18, 1980; *WTO* March 5, 1995

Statutory Provisions

Section 104 of title 17 of the *United States Code* is reprinted below:

§104. Subject matter of copyright: National origin

(a) UNPUBLISHED WORKS.— The works specified by sections 102 and 103, 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 treaty 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 treaty party; or

(3) the work is a sound recording that was first fixed in a treaty party; or

(4) the work is a pictorial, graphic, or sculptural work that is incorporated in a building or other structure, or an architectural work that is embodied in a building and the building or structure is located in the United States or a treaty party; or

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

(6) 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.

For purposes of paragraph (2), a work that is published in the United States or a treaty party within 30 days after publication in a foreign nation that is not a treaty party shall be considered to be first published in the United States or such treaty party, as the case may be.

(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.

(d) EFFECT OF PHONOGRAMS TREATIES.—Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b), no works other than sound recordings shall be eligible for protection under this title solely by virtue of the adherence of the United States to the Geneva Phonograms Convention or the WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty.

Endnotes

1. Each of the following Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) countries, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan (but not the CIS countries Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia), is a successor state to the Soviet Union's copyright treaty obligations, in particular, the obligations under the UCC Geneva, and accordingly is a member of the UCC Geneva effective May 27, 1973, the date the Soviet Union became a party. The successor status in each case was confirmed

in a bilateral trade agreement between each of these countries and the United States, effective in each case on the date set forth below. Note that the successor status is consistent with the treatment by UNESCO (secretariat for the UCC) of these countries. The effective dates of the bilateral agreements with the United States confirming the successor status are as follows: Armenia (April 2, 1992); Azerbaijan (April 21, 1995); Belarus (Feb. 16, 1993); Georgia (Aug. 13, 1993); Kazakhstan (Feb. 18, 1993); Kyrgyz Republic (Aug. 21, 1992); Moldova (July 2, 1992); Russia (June 17, 1992); Tajikistan (Nov. 24, 1993); Turkmenistan (Oct. 25, 1993); Ukraine (June 23, 1992); Uzbekistan (Jan. 13, 1994)

2. Bilateral copyright relations between Australia and the United States were further developed pursuant to the Agreement between the United States of America and Government of Australia on the Establishment of a Free Trade Area, signed May 18, 2004, and effective Jan. 1, 2005.

3. Bilateral copyright relations between the United States and Belgium, France, the United Kingdom, and Switzerland were established by Presidential Proclamation No. 3. of July 1, 1891, 27 Stat. 981 (1891), effective that same date, under the authority of the Chase Act of 1891.

4. Bilateral copyright relations between Chile and the United States were further developed pursuant to the Agreement between the United States of America and the Republic of Chile on the Establishment of a Free Trade Area, signed June 6, 2003, and effective Jan. 1, 2004.

5. The government of the People's Republic of China views this treaty as not binding. In the territory administered by the authorities on Taiwan, the treaty is considered to be in force.

6. 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 Oct. 31, 1988 (Public Law 100-568, 102 Stat. 2853, 2855).

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

8. 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 Oct. 3, 1990, of the German Democratic Republic to the Federal Republic of Germany, in accordance with the German Unification Treaty of Aug. 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 Feb. 18, 1978, but ceased to be a party to the said Convention on Oct. 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 Oct. 5, 1973, and party to the revised Paris text of the same Convention on Dec. 10, 1980.

9. Date on which the accession by the German Empire became effective.
10. Bilateral copyright relations between the United States and Germany were established effective July 12, 1967, by Presidential Proclamation No. 3792 of that same date, at 32 FR 10341, under the authority of Copyright Act of 1909 as amended at 55 Stat. 732.
11. Prior to the return of Hong Kong to China, bilateral copyright relations existed with Hong Kong through the United Kingdom (from Aug. 1, 1973), and Phonogram Convention Membership existed through the United Kingdom (from March 4, 1975).
12. 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.

13. Bilateral copyright relations between Jordan and the United States were established pursuant to the Agreement between the United States of America and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on the Establishment of a Free Trade Area, signed Oct. 24, 2000, and effective Dec. 17, 2001.

14. 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 FR 71571 (1998), under the authority of sections 104(b)(5) and 104A(g) of title 17 of the *United States Code*, as amended.

