

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 Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works; the Universal Copyright Convention; the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Copyright Treaty; the WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty; and the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights, one of several agreements that together created the World Trade Organization in April 1994.

An author who wants 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 can 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 of 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.

Relations as of March 2009

This publication documents the countries that are parties to specific multilateral agreements or bilateral relationships. The relevant agreements are listed below, along with their abbreviations. A list of countries follows. The list indicates which agreements each country has signed and the date each agreement took effect.

Agreements

BAC · Buenos Aires Convention of 1910. U.S. ratification deposited with the government of Argentina, May 1, 1911; proclaimed by the president of the United States, July 13, 1914.

Berne · Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works. Appearing within parentheses in the country listing that follows is the latest act of the convention to which the country is party. Thus “Berne (Paris)” means the Berne Convention as revised at Paris on July 24, 1971 (Paris Act). “Berne (Brussels)” means the convention as revised at Brussels on June 26, 1948. “Berne (Rome)” means the convention as revised at Rome on June 2, 1928 (Rome Act). Other acts of the convention were revised at Stockholm on July 14, 1967, and at Berlin on Nov. 13, 1908. In each case, a reference to a particular act signifies adherence only to the substantive provisions of the act—for example, to articles 1 to 21 and the appendix of the Paris Act; articles 22 to 38 deal with administration and structure. The effective date for U.S. adherence to the Berne Convention is Mar. 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. 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 · Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms Against Unauthorized Duplication of Their Phonograms, Geneva, 1971. The effective date for the United States is Mar. 10, 1974.

SAT · Convention Relating to the Distribution of Programme-Carrying Signals Transmitted by Satellite, Brussels, 1974. The effective date for the United States is Mar. 7, 1985.

UCC Geneva · Universal Copyright Convention, Geneva, 1952. The effective date for the United States is Sept. 16, 1955, the date the treaty entered into force.

UCC Paris · Universal Copyright Convention as revised at Paris, 1971. The effective date for the United States is July 10, 1974, the date the treaty entered into force.

Unclear · Has not established copyright relations with the United States but may be honoring obligations incurred under former political status.

WCT · World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Copyright Treaty, Geneva, 1996. The effective date for the United States is Mar. 6, 2002, the date the treaty entered into force.

WPPT · WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty, Geneva, 1996. The effective date for the United States is May 20, 2002, the date the treaty entered into force.

WTO · World Trade Organization (WTO), established pursuant to the Marrakesh Agreement of Apr. 15, 1994, to implement the Uruguay Round Agreements. These agreements, which include the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights, 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.

Countries

Afghanistan · *None*

Albania · *Berne (Paris)* Mar. 6, 1994; *WTO* Sept. 8, 2000; *Phonograms* June 26, 2001; *WPPT* May 20, 2002; *UCC Geneva* Feb. 4, 2004; *UCC Paris* Feb. 4, 2004; *WCT* Aug. 6, 2005

Algeria · *UCC Geneva* Aug. 28, 1973; *UCC Paris* July 10, 1974; *Berne (Paris)* Apr. 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)* Mar. 17, 2000

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

Armenia · *SAT* Dec. 13, 1993; *Berne (Paris)* Oct. 19, 2000; *Phonograms* Jan. 31, 2003; *WTO* Feb. 5, 2003; *WCT* Mar. 6, 2005; *WPPT* Mar. 6, 2005

Australia · *Bilateral* Mar. 15, 1918; *Berne (Paris)* Apr. 14, 1928; *UCC Geneva* May 1, 1969; *Phonograms* June 22, 1974; *UCC Paris* Feb. 29, 1978; *SAT* Oct. 26, 1990; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *Bilateral* Jan. 1, 2005²; *WCT* July 26, 2007; *WPPT* July 26, 2007

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* Apr. 7, 1997; *Berne (Paris)* June 4, 1999; *Phonograms* Sept. 1, 2001; *WCT* Apr. 11, 2006; *WPPT* Apr. 11, 2006

Bahamas · *Berne (Brussels)* July 10, 1973; *UCC Geneva* July 13, 1976; *UCC Paris* Dec. 27, 1976

Bahrain · *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *Berne (Paris)* Mar. 2, 1997; *WCT* Dec. 15, 2005; *WPPT* Dec. 15, 2005; *Bilateral* Aug. 1, 2006; *SAT* May 1, 2007

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* Mar. 29, 1994; *Berne (Paris)* Dec. 12, 1997; *WCT* Mar. 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002; *Phonograms* Apr. 17, 2003

Belgium · *Berne (Paris)* Dec. 5, 1887; *Bilateral* July 1, 1891³; *UCC Geneva* Aug. 31, 1960; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *WCT* Aug. 30, 2006; *WPPT* Aug. 30, 2006

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; *WCT* Apr. 16, 2006; *WPPT* Apr. 16, 2006

Bhutan · *Berne (Paris)* Nov. 25, 2004

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

Bosnia and Herzegovina · *Berne (Paris)* Mar. 1, 1992; *UCC Geneva* July 12, 1993; *UCC Paris* July 12, 1993; *SAT* Jan. 12, 1994

Botswana · *WTO* May 31, 1995; *Berne (Paris)* Apr. 15, 1998; *WCT* Jan. 27, 2005; *WPPT* Jan. 27, 2005

Brazil · *BAC* Aug. 31, 1915; *Berne (Paris)* Feb. 9, 1922; *Bilateral* Apr. 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; *Berne (Paris)* Aug. 30, 2006

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* Mar. 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

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

Burundi · *WTO* July 23, 1995

Cambodia · *UCC Geneva* Sept. 16, 1955; *WTO* Oct. 13, 2004

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)* Apr. 10, 1928; *UCC Geneva* Aug. 10, 1962; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Cape Verde · *Berne (Paris)* July 7, 1997; *WTO* July 23, 2008

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

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

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

China · *Bilateral* Jan. 13, 1904⁵; *Bilateral* Nov. 30, 1948; *Bilateral* Mar. 17, 1992⁶; *Berne (Paris)* Oct. 15, 1992; *UCC Geneva* Oct. 30, 1992; *UCC Paris* Oct. 30, 1992; *Phonograms* Apr. 30, 1993; *WTO* Dec. 11, 2001; *WCT* June 9, 2007; *WPPT* June 9, 2007

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)* Mar. 7, 1988; *Phonograms* May 16, 1994; *WTO* Apr. 30, 1995; *WCT* Mar. 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

Comoros · *Berne (Paris)* Apr. 17, 2005

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

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

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

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

Croatia · *Berne (Paris)* Oct. 8, 1991; *UCC Paris* July 6, 1992; *UCC Geneva* July 6, 1992; *SAT* July 26, 1993; *Phonograms* Apr. 20, 2000; *WTO* Nov. 30, 2000; *WCT* Mar. 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

Cuba · *Bilateral* Nov. 17, 1903; *BAC* May 28, 1913; *UCC Geneva* June 18, 1957; *WTO* Apr. 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; *WCT* Nov. 4, 2003; *WPPT* Dec. 2, 2005

Czech Republic · *Berne (Paris)* Jan. 1, 1993; *Phonograms* Jan. 1, 1993; *UCC Geneva* Mar. 26, 1993; *UCC Paris* Mar. 26, 1993; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *WCT* Mar. 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

Denmark · *Bilateral* May 8, 1893; *Berne (Paris)* July 1, 1903; *UCC Geneva* Feb. 9, 1962; *Phonograms* Mar. 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* Mar. 9, 1995; *Berne (Paris)* Dec. 24, 1997; *WCT* Jan. 10, 2006; *WPPT* Jan. 10, 2006; *Bilateral* Jan. 1, 2007⁸

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* Mar. 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

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

El Salvador · *Bilateral* June 30, 1908⁹; *Phonograms* Feb. 9, 1979; *UCC Geneva* Mar. 29, 1979; *UCC Paris* Mar. 29, 1979; *Berne (Paris)* Feb. 19, 1994; *WTO* May 7, 1995; *WCT* Mar. 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002; *Bilateral* Mar. 1, 2006⁸; *SAT* July 22, 2008

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* Dec. 13, 1971; *Phonograms* Apr. 18, 1973; *WTO* Jan. 14, 1996

Finland · *Berne (Paris)* Apr. 1, 1928; *Bilateral* Jan. 1, 1929; *UCC Geneva* Apr. 16, 1963; *Phonograms* Apr. 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* Apr. 18, 1973; *UCC Paris* July 10, 1974; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

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

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

Georgia · *Berne (Paris)* May 16, 1995; *WTO* June 14, 2000; *WCT* Mar. 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

Germany¹⁰ · *Berne (Paris)* Dec. 5, 1887¹¹; *Bilateral* Apr. 15, 1892; *UCC Geneva* Sept. 16, 1955; *Bilateral* July 12, 1967¹²; *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; *WCT* Nov. 18, 2006

Greece · *Berne (Paris)* Nov. 9, 1920; *Bilateral* Mar. 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* Mar. 28, 1913; *UCC Geneva* Oct. 28, 1964; *Phonograms* Feb. 1, 1977; *WTO* July 21, 1995; *Berne (Paris)* July 28, 1997; *WPPT* Jan. 8, 2003; *WCT* Feb. 4, 2003; *Bilateral* July 1, 2006⁸

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

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

Honduras⁷ · *BAC* Apr. 27, 1914; *Berne (Paris)* Jan. 25, 1990; *Phonograms* Mar. 6, 1990; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *WCT* May 20, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002; *Bilateral* Apr. 1, 2006⁸; *SAT* Apr. 7, 2008

Hong Kong¹³ · *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* Mar. 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

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

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

Indonesia · *Bilateral* Aug. 1, 1989; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *Berne (Paris)* Sept. 5, 1997; *WCT* Mar. 6, 2002; *WPPT* Feb. 15, 2005

Iran · *None*

Iraq · *None*

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

Israel · *Bilateral* May 15, 1948; *Berne (Paris)* Mar. 24, 1950; *UCC Geneva* Sept. 16, 1955; *Phonograms* May 1, 1978; *Bilateral* Sept. 1, 1985; *WTO* Apr. 21, 1995

Italy · *Berne (Paris)* Dec. 5, 1887; *Bilateral* Oct. 31, 1892; *Bilateral* May 1, 1915; *UCC Geneva* Jan. 24, 1957; *Phonograms* Mar. 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* Mar. 9, 1995; *SAT* Jan. 12, 2000; *WCT* June 12, 2002; *WPPT* June 12, 2002

Japan¹⁴ · *Berne (Paris)* July 15, 1899; *Bilateral* May 10, 1906; *UCC Geneva* Apr. 28, 1956; *UCC Paris* Oct. 21, 1977; *Phonograms* Oct. 14, 1978; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *WCT* Mar. 6, 2002; *WPPT* Oct. 9, 2002

Jordan · *Berne (Paris)* July 28, 1999; *WTO* Apr. 11, 2000; *Bilateral* Dec. 17, 2001¹⁵; *WCT* Apr. 27, 2004; *WPPT* May 24, 2004

Kazakhstan¹ · *UCC Geneva* Aug. 6, 1992; *Berne (Paris)* Apr. 12, 1999; *Phonograms* Aug. 3, 2001; *WCT* Nov. 12, 2004; *WPPT* Nov. 12, 2004

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

Kiribati · *Unclear*

Korea, North · *Berne (Paris)* Apr. 28, 2003

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; *WCT* June 24, 2004; *WPPT* Mar. 18, 2009

Kuwait · *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Kyrgyz Republic · *WTO* Dec. 20, 1998; *Berne (Paris)* July 8, 1999; *WCT* Mar. 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* Mar. 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)* Mar. 8, 1989; *Phonograms* Dec. 16, 2005

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; *WCT* Apr. 30, 2007; *WPPT* Apr. 30, 2007

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

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

Macau · *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Macedonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of · *Berne (Paris)* Sept. 8, 1991; *SAT* Sept. 2, 1977; *UCC Geneva* Apr. 30, 1997; *UCC Paris* Apr. 30, 1997; *Phonograms* Mar. 2, 1998; *WTO* Apr. 4, 2003; *WCT* Feb. 4, 2004; *WPPT* Mar. 20, 2005

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)* Mar. 19, 1962; *WTO* May 31, 1995; *WCT* Apr. 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* Aug. 20, 1970; *Berne (Paris)* May 10, 1989; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Mexico · *Bilateral* Feb. 27, 1896; *UCC Geneva* May 12, 1957; *BAC* Apr. 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* Mar. 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

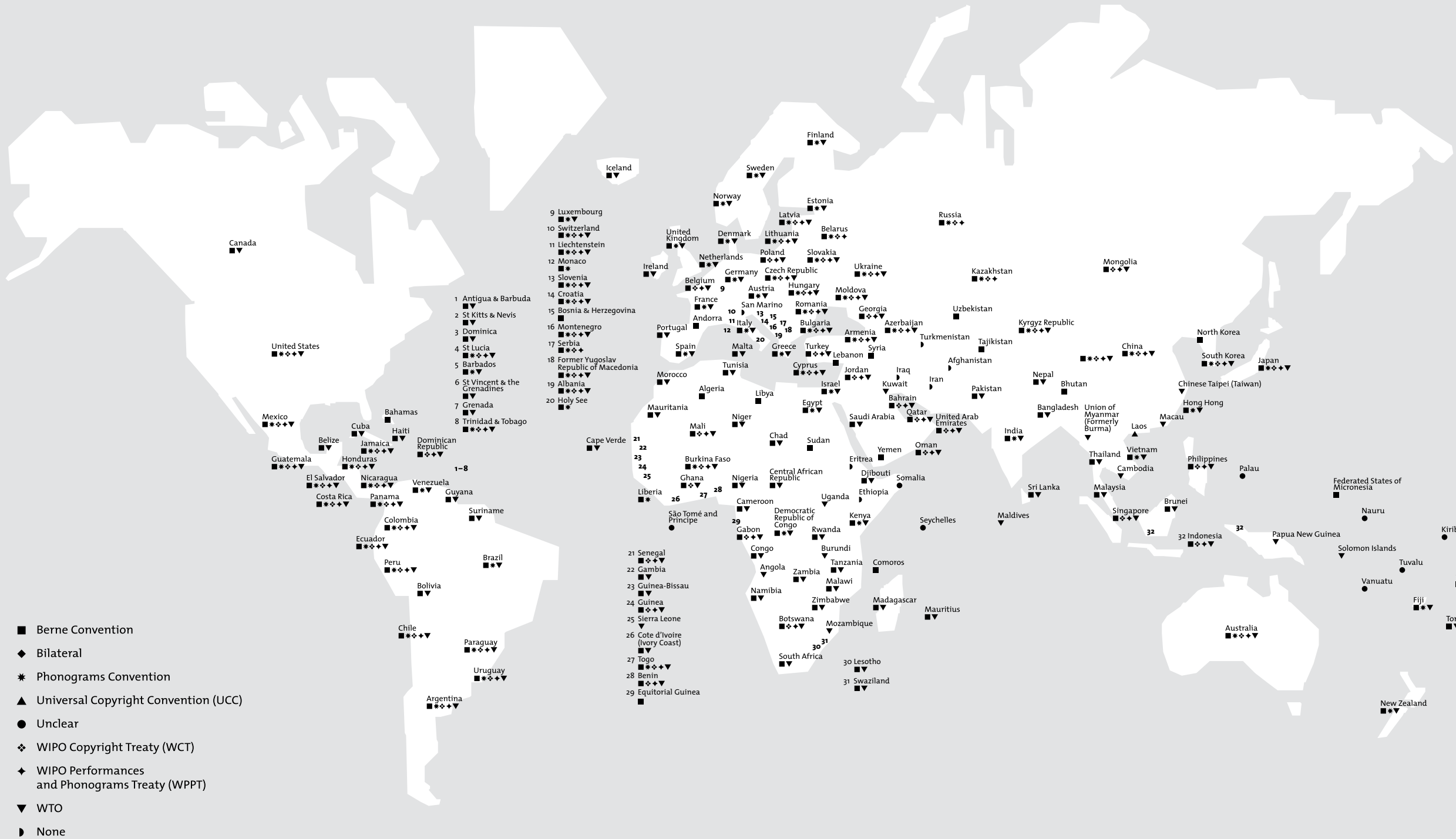
Micronesia, Federated States of · *Berne (Paris)* Oct. 7, 2003

Moldova¹ · *UCC Geneva* June 23, 1997; *Berne (Paris)* Nov. 2, 1995; *Phonograms* July 17, 2000; *WTO* July 26, 2001; *WCT* Mar. 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002; *SAT* Oct. 28, 2008

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International Copyright Treaties and Conventions

RELATIONS AS OF MARCH 2009



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.

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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)* Mar. 12, 1998; *WCT* Oct. 25, 2002; *WPPT* Oct. 25, 2002

Montenegro · *Berne (Paris)* June 3, 2006; *Phonograms* June 3, 2006; *WCT* June 3, 2006; *WPPT* June 3, 2006; *SAT* Oct. 23, 2006; *UCC Geneva* Apr. 26, 2007; *UCC Paris* Apr. 26, 2007

Morocco · *Berne (Paris)* June 16, 1917; *UCC Geneva* May 8, 1972; *UCC Paris* Jan. 28, 1976; *SAT* June 30, 1983; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *Bilateral* Jan. 1, 2006

Mozambique · *WTO* Aug. 26, 1995

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

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

Nauru · *Unclear*

Nepal · *WTO* Apr. 23, 2004; *Berne (Paris)* Jan. 11, 2006

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

New Zealand · *Bilateral* Dec. 1, 1916; *Berne (Rome)* Apr. 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* Mar. 6, 2003; *WPPT* Mar. 6, 2003; *Bilateral* Apr. 1, 2006⁸

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)* Apr. 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; *WCT* Sept. 20, 2005; *WPPT* Sept. 20, 2005; *SAT* Mar. 18, 2008

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* Mar. 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

Papua New Guinea · *WTO* June 9, 1996

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

Peru · *BAC* Apr. 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* Mar. 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* Mar. 9, 1977; *UCC Paris* Mar. 9, 1977; *WTO* July 1, 1995; *WPPT* Oct. 21, 2003; *WCT* Mar. 23, 2004

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

Qatar · *WTO* Jan. 13, 1996; *Berne (Paris)* July 5, 2000; *WCT* Oct. 28, 2005; *WPPT* Oct. 28, 2005

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

Russia¹ · *UCC Geneva* May 27, 1973; *SAT* Jan. 20, 1989; *UCC Paris* Mar. 9, 1995; *Berne (Paris)* Mar. 13, 1995; *Phonograms* Mar. 13, 1995; *WCT* Feb. 5, 2009; *WPPT* Feb. 5, 2009

Rwanda · *Berne (Paris)* Mar. 1, 1984; *UCC Geneva* Nov. 10, 1989; *UCC Paris* Nov. 10, 1989; *WTO* May 22, 1996; *SAT* July 25, 2001

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

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

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

Samoa · *Berne (Paris)* July 21, 2006

San Marino · *None*

São Tomé and Príncipe · *Unclear*

Saudi Arabia · *UCC Geneva* July 13, 1994 ; *UCC Paris* July 13, 1994; *Berne (Paris)* Mar. 11, 2004; *WTO* Dec. 11, 2005

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 · *Berne (Paris)* Apr. 27, 1992; *SAT* Mar. 12, 2001; *UCC Paris* Sept. 11, 2001; *UCC Geneva* Nov. 11, 2001; *Phonograms* June 10, 2003; *WCT* June 13, 2003; *WPPT* June 13, 2003

Seychelles · *Unclear*

Sierra Leone · *WTO* July 23, 1995

Singapore · *Bilateral* May 18, 1987; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *Berne (Paris)* Dec. 21, 1998; *Bilateral* Jan. 1, 2004; *WCT* Apr. 17, 2005; *WPPT* Apr. 17, 2005; *SAT* Apr. 27, 2005

Slovakia · *Berne (Paris)* Jan. 1, 1993; *Phonograms* Jan. 1, 1993; *UCC Geneva* Mar. 31, 1993; *UCC Paris* Mar. 31, 1993; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *WCT* Mar. 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002

Slovenia · *Berne (Paris)* June 25, 1991; *SAT* Nov. 3, 1992; *UCC Geneva* Nov. 5, 1992; *UCC Paris* Nov. 5, 1992; *WTO* July 30, 1995; *Phonograms* Oct. 15, 1996; *WCT* Mar. 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* Apr. 18, 1973; *UCC Paris* July 10, 1974; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Switzerland · *Berne (Paris)* Dec. 5, 1887; *Bilateral* July 1, 1891³; *UCC Geneva* Mar. 30, 1956; *UCC Paris* Sept. 21, 1993; *SAT* Sept. 24, 1993; *Phonograms* Sept. 30, 1993; *WTO* July 1, 1995; *WCT* July 1, 2008; *WPPT* July 1, 2008

Syria · *Berne (Paris)* June 11, 2004

Tajikistan¹ · *UCC Geneva* Aug. 28, 1992; *Berne (Paris)* Mar. 9, 2000; *WCT* Apr. 5, 2009

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

Thailand · *Bilateral* Sept. 1, 1921; *Berne (Paris)* July 17, 1931; *Bilateral* June 8, 1968; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Togo · *Berne (Paris)* Apr. 30, 1975; *WTO* May 31, 1995; *WCT* May 21, 2003; *WPPT* May 21, 2003; *UCC Geneva* May 28, 2003; *UCC Paris* May 28, 2003; *Phonograms* June 10, 2003; *SAT* June 10, 2003

Tonga · *Berne (Paris)* June 14, 2001; *WTO* July 27, 2007

Trinidad and Tobago · *Berne (Paris)* Aug. 16, 1988; *UCC Geneva* Aug. 19, 1988; *UCC Paris* Aug. 19, 1988; *Phonograms* Oct. 1, 1988; *WTO* Mar. 1, 1995; *SAT* Nov. 1, 1996; *WCT* Nov. 28, 2008; *WPPT* Nov. 28, 2008

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

Turkey · *Berne (Paris)* Jan. 1, 1952; *WTO* Mar. 26, 1995; *WCT* Nov. 28, 2008; *WPPT* Nov. 28, 2008

Turkmenistan · *None*

Tuvalu · *Unclear*

Uganda · *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995

Ukraine¹ · *UCC Geneva* Jan. 17, 1994; *Berne (Paris)* Oct. 25, 1995; *Phonograms* Feb. 18, 2000; *WCT* Mar. 6, 2002; *WPPT* May 20, 2002; *WTO* May 16, 2008

United Arab Emirates · *WTO* Apr. 10, 1996; *Berne (Paris)* July 14, 2004; *WCT* July 14, 2004; *WPPT* June 9, 2005

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

Uruguay · *BAC* Mar. 18, 1920; *Berne (Paris)* July 10, 1967; *Phonograms* Jan. 18, 1983; *UCC Geneva* Apr. 12, 1993; *UCC Paris* Apr. 12, 1993; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *WPPT* Aug. 28, 2008; *WCT* June 5, 2009

Uzbekistan · *Berne (Paris)* Apr. 19, 2005

Vanuatu · *Unclear*

Venezuela · *UCC Geneva* Sept. 30, 1966; *Phonograms* Nov. 18, 1982; *Berne (Paris)* Dec. 30, 1982; *WTO* Jan. 1, 1995; *UCC Paris* Apr. 11, 1996

Vietnam · *Bilateral* Dec. 23, 1998¹⁶; *Bilateral* Dec. 10, 2001; *Berne (Paris)* Oct. 26, 2004; *Phonograms* July 6, 2005; *SAT* Jan. 12, 2006; *WTO* Jan. 11, 2007

Yemen · *Berne (Paris)* July 14, 2008;

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

Zimbabwe · *Berne (Rome)* Apr. 18, 1980; *WTO* Mar. 5, 1995

Statutory Provisions

Section 104 of title 17 of the *United States Code*, which pertains to the national origin of works receiving U.S. copyright protection, 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.

Notes

1. Each of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) countries listed is a successor to the Soviet Union's copyright treaty obligations, in particular those under *UCC Geneva*; accordingly, each is a member of *UCC Geneva* effective May 27, 1973, the date the Soviet Union became a party. The successor status of each country was confirmed in a bilateral trade agreement between each country and the United States, effective on the following dates: Armenia (Apr. 2, 1992); Azerbaijan (Apr. 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). However, only the countries listed in this circular have filed notices of succession with the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, which administers *UCC Geneva*. The notices of succession are effective on the dates specified.

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 Mar. 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 on 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. Bilateral copyright relations between the United States and Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua were further developed pursuant to the Dominican Republic-Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR). All countries signed CAFTA-DR on Aug. 5, 2004. As of Nov. 2008, CAFTA-DR had entered into force for all countries except Costa Rica, where implementation is under way, on the dates specified in this circular.

9. 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.

10. 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 convention on Oct. 5, 1973, and party to the revised Paris text of the same convention on Dec. 10, 1980.

11. Date on which the accession by the German Empire became effective.

12. 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.

13. 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 Mar. 4, 1975).

14. 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 Apr. 28, 1956.

15. 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.

16. 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.

