International Copyright Relations of the United States

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 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.

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.

RELATIONS AS OF MAY 1999

Afghanistan
None.

Albania
Berne Mar. 6, 1994 (Paris)

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)
Phonogram June 30, 1973
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

Armenia
SAT Dec. 13, 1993

Australia
Bilateral March 15, 1918
Berne Apr. 14, 1928 (Paris)
UCC Geneva May 1, 1969
Phonogram June 22, 1974
UCC Paris Feb. 28, 1978
Austria
Bilateral Sept. 20, 1907
Berne Oct. 1, 1920 (Paris)
UCC Geneva July 2, 1957
SAT Aug. 6, 1982
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)
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)
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)
WTO Feb. 22, 1996

**Bhutan**
None

**Bolivia**
BAC May 15, 1914
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)
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)
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)
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)
UCC Geneva May 1, 1973
UCC Paris July 10, 1974
WTO Dec. 13, 1995

Canada
Bilateral Jan. 1, 1924
Berne Apr. 10, 1928 (Paris)
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

Cape Verde
Berne July 7, 1997 (Paris)

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

Chad
Berne Nov. 25, 1971 (Brussels)
WTO Oct. 19, 1996

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

**China**
Bilateral Jan. 13, 1904
Bilateral Mar. 17, 1992
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)
Phonogram May 16, 1994
WTO Apr. 30, 1995

**Comoros**
Unclear

**Congo**
Berne May 8, 1962 (Paris)
WTO Mar. 27, 1997

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

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

**Croatia**
UCC Geneva May 11, 1966
UCC Paris July 10, 1974
Berne Oct. 8, 1991 (Paris)
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)
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**
Bilateral Mar. 1, 1927

**Democratic Republic of Congo (formerly Zaire)**
Berne Oct. 8, 1963 (Paris)
Phonogram Nov. 29, 1977
WTO Jan. 1, 1997

**Denmark**
Bilateral May 8, 1893
Berne July 1, 1903 (Paris)
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
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)
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)
UCC Geneva Mar. 13, 1972
Phonogram Apr. 18, 1973
WTO Jan. 14, 1996

**Finland**
Berne Apr. 1, 1928 (Paris)
Bilateral Jan. 1, 1929
UCC Geneva Apr. 16, 1963
Phonogram Apr. 18, 1973
UCC Paris Nov. 1, 1986
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**France**
Berne Dec. 5, 1887 (Paris)
Bilateral July 1, 1891
UCC Geneva Jan. 14, 1956
Phonogram Apr. 18, 1973
UCC Paris July 10, 1974
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Gabon**
Berne Mar. 26, 1962 (Paris)
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

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

**Georgia**
Berne May 16, 1995 (Paris)

**Germany**
Berne Dec. 5, 1887 (Paris),
Bilateral Apr. 15, 1892
UCC Geneva Sept. 16, 1955
Phonogram May 18, 1974
UCC Paris July 10, 1974
SAT Aug. 25, 1979
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Ghana**
Berne Oct. 11, 1991 (Paris)
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

Greece
Berne Nov. 9, 1920 (Paris)
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
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)
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
BAC Apr. 27, 1914
Berne Jan. 25, 1990 (Paris)
Phonogram Mar. 6, 1990
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Hong Kong**
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

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

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

**India**
Berne Apr. 1, 1928 (Paris)
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)
Bilateral Oct. 1, 1929
UCC Geneva Jan. 20, 1959
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Israel**
Bilateral May 15, 1948
Berne Mar. 24, 1950 (Brussels)
UCC Geneva Sept. 16, 1955
Phonogram May 1, 1978
WTO Apr. 21, 1995

**Italy**
Berne Dec. 5, 1887 (Paris)
Bilateral Oct. 31, 1892
UCC Geneva Jan. 24, 1957
Phonogram Mar. 24, 1977
UCC Paris Jan. 25, 1980
SAT July 7, 1981
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**
Berne July 15, 1899 (Paris)
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
Berne June 11, 1993 (Paris)
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Kiribati**
Unclear

**Korea**
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Republic of Korea
Unclear
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)
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)
Liechtenstein
Berne July 30, 1931 (Brussels)
UCC Geneva Jan. 22, 1959
WTO Sept. 1, 1995

Lithuania
Berne Dec. 14, 1994 (Paris)

Luxembourg
Berne June 20, 1888 (Paris)
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)
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)
WTO May 31, 1995

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

Mauritania
Berne Feb. 6, 1973 (Paris)
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)
Phonogram Dec. 21, 1973
UCC Paris Oct. 31, 1975
SAT Aug. 25, 1979
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

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

Monaco
Berne May 30, 1889 (Paris)
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)
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 (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)
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)
UCC Geneva Sept. 11, 1964
Phonogram Aug. 13, 1976
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

Nicaragua
BAC Dec. 15, 1913
UCC Geneva Aug. 16, 1961
SAT Aug. 25, 1979
WTO Sept. 3, 1995

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

Nigeria
Berne Sept. 14, 1993 (Paris)
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Norway**
Berne Apr. 13, 1896 (Paris)
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)
UCC Geneva Sept. 16, 1955
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Palau**
Unclear

**Panama**
BAC Nov. 25, 1913
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)
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

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

**Poland**
Berne Jan. 28, 1920 (Paris)
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)
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)
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)
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)
WTO Feb. 21, 1996

Saint Lucia
Berne Aug. 24, 1993 (Paris)
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

Sao Tome and Principe
Unclear

Saudi Arabia
UCC Geneva July 13, 1994
UCC Paris July 13, 1994

Senegal
Berne Aug. 25, 1962 (Paris)
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)
Phonogram Jan. 1, 1993
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

Slovenia
UCC Geneva May 11, 1966
UCC Paris July 10, 1974
Berne June 25, 1991 (Paris)
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)
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

Soviet Union
(See entry under Russian Federation)

Spain
Berne Dec. 5, 1887 (Paris)
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)
UCC Geneva Jan. 25, 1984
UCC Paris Jan. 25, 1984
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

Sudan
Unclear

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

**Swaziland**
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

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

**Switzerland**
Berne Dec. 5, 1887 (Paris)
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)
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Togo**
Berne Apr. 30, 1975 (Paris)
WTO May 31, 1995
**Tonga**
None

**Trinidad and Tobago**
Berne Aug. 16, 1988 (Paris)
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)
UCC Geneva June 19, 1969
UCC Paris June 10, 1975
WTO Mar. 29, 1995

**Turkey**
Berne Jan. 1, 1952 (Paris)
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)
Bilateral July 1, 1891
UCC Geneva Sept. 27, 1957
Phonogram Apr. 18, 1973
UCC Paris July 10, 1974
WTO Jan. 1, 1995

**Upper Volta**
(See entry under Burkina Faso)

**Uruguay**
Vanuatu
Unclear

Vatican City (Holy See)
Berne Sept. 12, 1935 (Paris)
Phonogram July 18, 1977
UCC Paris May 6, 1980

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

Vietnam
Bilateral Dec. 23, 1998

Western Samoa
Unclear

Yemen (Aden)
Unclear

Yemen (San'a)
None

Yugoslavia
Berne June 17, 1930 (Paris)
UCC Geneva May 11, 1966
UCC Paris July 10, 1974
SAT Aug. 25, 1979

Zaire
(See entry under Democratic Republic of Congo)

Zambia
UCC Geneva June 1, 1965
STATUTORY PROVISIONS


§ 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.

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

"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.


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.


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.

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.

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

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.

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).

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.

See also Czech Republic and Slovakia.

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).

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.