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The Danish Government

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- No
- Non-applicable

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# A. Identification

# \* Please identify the national authority you are responding for.

- National ministry or authority responsible for IPR enforcement policy
- National IP office
- National authority responsible for IPR enforcement
- Regional authority responsible for IPR enforcement
- Other law enforcement authority
- Other

# \* Please indicate the country of establishment of the authority:

- Austria
  Italy
- Belgium
  Latvia
- Bulgaria
- Cyprus Cyprus Cyprus
- Croatia
  Malta
- Czech Republic O Netherlands
- Oenmark Orall Poland
- Estonia
  Portugal
- Finland
  Romania
- France
  Slovakia
- Germany
  Slovenia
- Greece
  Spain
- Hungary
  Sweden
- Ireland
- Other

# \* Your authority is responsible for the following IPR:

United Kingdom

- Copyright
- Community trademark rights
- National trademark rights
- Patent rights (including rights derived from supplementary protection certificates)
- Rights of the creator of the topographies of a semiconductor product
- Sui generis right of a database maker
- Plant variety rights
   Trade names (in so far as these are protected as exclusive property rights in the national law concerned)

Rights related to copyright

Community design rights

Geographical indications

National design rights

- Utility model rights
- 🔽 All IPR

Other

# B. Impact of IP infringing goods and services

- \* From your experience, how did the occurrence of IPR infringements develop over last 10 years?
  - Decreased
  - Increased
  - $\bigcirc$

On't know

# \* Please specify:

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The statistics from the Customs authorities' and a number of reports published by eg the European Observatory on Infringements of Intellectual Property Rights points to the conclusion that IPR infringements have increased over the last 10 years. At the same time, it is noted that the number of IPR court cases and injunction cases in Denmark have been stable over the last 10 years.

# What is your assessment of the impact of IP infringements on government and society?

	Very high	High	Medium	Low	No impact
*Loss in tax revenues	0	۲	0	O	0
*Health	0	0	۲	0	O
*Safety	0	0	۲	0	O
*SME	۲	0	0	0	O
*Competitiveness	۲	0	0	0	O
*Other	0	O	O	O	۲

# C. Functioning of key provisions of Directive 2004/48/EC on the enforcement of intellectual property rights

This section aims to provide the Commission with stakeholder' views, opinions and information about the functioning of the overall enforcement framework and of key provisions of IPRED.

# C.1. Overall functioning of the enforcement framework

- \* Do you think that the existing rules have helped effectively in protecting IP and preventing IP infringements?
  - Yes
  - No
  - No opinion

⋆ Please explain:

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The minimum directive has secured a certain level for the IPR enforcement framework across the EU. However, the member states are interpreting the provisions somewhat differently. Training seminars (with workshops and cases) bringing judges from different member states together may be helpful in order to achieve a more uniform interpretation of the directive across the member states. The European Observatory on Infringement of Intellectual Property rights could be a good forum for such seminars.

# C.2. Measures, procedures and remedies provided for by IPRED

Responses to this section should be based on the overall experience with the measures, procedures and remedies provided for by IPRED as implemented and applied in your jurisdiction. If appropriate please specify in your response, to the extent possible, particular national issues or practices.

# C.2.1. Evidence (Articles 6 and 7)

\* Does IPRED provide for effective means of presenting, obtaining and preserving evidence?

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

### Please explain:

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- \* In view of your experience with the implementation and application of the rules for having access to and preserving evidence do you see a need to adjust the application of that measure, in particular with regard to preserving evidence in the digital environment?
  - Yes
  - No
  - No opinion

# C.2.2. Right of information (Article 8)

- \* C.4.1. Do you have information on the number of request for information filed in your jurisdiction in cases of alleged infringement of IPR and on the length of the procedure?
  - Yes
  - No

# \* What are the requirements for a request for information to be proportionate and justified when exercising the right of information against an infringer?

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According to the Danish Administration of Justice Act (AJA), Section 306 (3), the court partly or wholly refuses a request for information if it is assumed

that providing the information would cause the one to whom the request relates or others, injury or disadvantage which would be disproportionate to the claimant's interest in obtaining the information.

# \* What are the requirements for a request for information to be proportionate and justified when exercising this right of information against another person (e.g. an intermediary)?

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According to AJA, Section 306 (1), the right of information applies not only against a counterparty but also third parties. Hence, the requirements for a request for information to be proportionate and justified when exercising the right of information against another person (e.g. an intermediary) are the same as explained above.

#### \* How do you define "commercial scale" in your jurisdiction?

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The Danish definition of commercial scale translates into "when part of a business activity". The threshold is low, as it does not take much to fall within this definition.

# \* What is the scope of the assessment of the admissibility and the merits of a request for information?

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The court carries out a concrete assessment. The court partly or wholly refuses the request if the request for information is not proportionate and justified. It is a precondition to admit a request for information that an infringement must be assumed to exist. Hence, it may be necessary for the court to examine this issue under a partial decision, cf. AJA Section 253.

# \* What is the burden of proof and evidence required to demonstrate the existence of an infringement?

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Unless otherwise is stipulated by law there is a free assessment of evidence
under Danish law. However, an infringement, as mentioned in AJA, section 653
(2), must be ascertained to exist in order to obtain information under AJA
section 306.
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\* What are the procedural safeguards in your jurisdiction to ensure the proportionate use, the relevance of the information for the identification of an infringer and the accuracy and correctness of the identification of the infringer, in particular when information is to be provided by a third person, for example an intermediary service provider, for such purposes?

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According to AJA, Section 307 (2), the counterparty and the one to whom the request relates have the right to comment on the request before the court makes its decision.

	Very relevant	Relevant	Less relevant	Not relevant
Unjustified/disproportionate request	0	0	۲	0
Protection of confidentiality of information	۲	0	0	0
Protection of rights to respect for private life and protection of personal data	0	0	۲	0
Information not available (anymore)	0	0	۲	0
Information provided in the request inaccurate	0	۲	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0

### To your knowledge what are the reasons for not obtaining the requested information?

# To your knowledge what are the reasons for not making use of the right of information?

	Very relevant	Relevant	Less relevant	Not relevant
Low probability of success	0	0	۲	0
No judgment on the merits yet	۲	0	0	0
Length of procedure	0	0	۲	0
Court fee	0	0	۲	0
Lawyer's fee and other costs related to the application	0	۲	0	0
Defendant established in another Member State	0	0	۲	0
Court in another Member State	0	۲	0	0
Applicable law of another Member State	0	0	۲	0
Other	0	0	0	0

\* In view of your experience with the implementation and application of the right of information do you think that the existing rules have helped effectively in protecting IP and preventing IPR infringements?

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

#### ★ Please explain:

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It is noted that the provisions on the right of information are rarely used in Denmark. Instead, the Danish industry generally seems to prefer to use the measures for preserving evidence (provided in article 7 in the enforcement directive).
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In view of your experience with the implementation and application of the right of information do you see a need to adjust the provisions for the application of that measure?

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

#### ★ Please explain:

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\* Do you see a need to clarify the criteria used to reconcile the requirements of the right to respect for private life/protection of personal data on the one hand and an effective remedy on the other hand when assessing requests for disclosure of personal data for the purpose of initiating judicial proceedings?

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

### ★ Please explain:

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There is no need for such clarification in relation to Denmark. If the situation is different in other member states, if may be an idea to provide case examples/workshops for judges.
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# C.2.3. Procedures and courts, damages and legal costs (Articles 3, 13 and 14)

- \* Do you have information on the number of legal action filed in your jurisdiction in cases of alleged infringement of IPR and on the length of proceedings?
  - Yes
  - No

#### \* Please provide detail and reference:

1500 character(s) maximum

Overview of trademark and patent cases received by the Danish Maritime and Commercial Court from 2011-2015:

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Cases received in:
2011: 124 trademark cases and 13 patent cases
2012: 92 trademark cases and 16 patent cases
2013: 89 trademark cases and 19 patent cases
2014: 92 trademark cases and 14 patent cases
2015: 116 trademark cases and 17 patent cases
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	Very relevant	Relevant	Less relevant	Not relevant
Damages	0	0	۲	O
Interlocutory injunction	۲	0	0	0
Permanent injunction	۲	0	0	0
Other	0	۲	0	0

### To your knowledge what are the reasons for taking an infringer to court?

#### ★ Please specify:

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Another motivation could be to encourage a settlement.

An additional motivation can be to obtain a judgment, which can show other potential infringers that the right owner will not accept IPR infringements, but will instead fight back rigorously through IPR enforcement actions.

- \* To your knowledge are there problems when taking legal action in a cross-border situation (judicial authority in your jurisdiction and infringer incorporated or resident in another Member State and/or judicial authority of another EU Member State)?
  - Yes
  - No
  - Don't know

#### To your knowledge what are the reasons for not seeking civil redress?

Very relevant	Relevant	Less relevant	Not relevant
0	0	۲	0
۲	0	0	O
0	۲	0	0
۲	0	O	0
		Relevant	Relevant

Low probability of obtaining appropriate compensation of legal costs and other expenses	۲	O	O	۲
Low probability of obtaining a provisional and/or permanent injunction	0	O	۲	0
Low probability of enforcing the judgment	0	۲	0	0
Court in another Member State	0	۲	0	0
Risk of IPR being invalidated	0	0	۲	0
Protection of confidential information	0	0	۲	0
Perceived lack of independence of courts	0	0	0	۲
Lack of specialisation/expertise in courts	0	0	0	۲
Applicable law of another Member State	0	0	۲	0
Other	0	۲	0	$\bigcirc$

\* In your jurisdiction damages compensating for the prejudice suffered as a result of an infringement can include

- Lost profit
- Unfair profits
- Moral prejudice
- Lump sum
- Other

\* Is it possible in your jurisdiction for the right holder to claim damages from a third party who actively and knowingly facilitates infringements of IPRs?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

#### ★ Please explain:

1500 character(s) maximum

\* Overall, in view of your experience with the implementation and application of the rules for setting damages do you think that the existing rules have helped effectively in protecting IP and preventing IPR infringements?

- Yes
- 🔘 No
- No opinion

- \* In view of your experience with the implementation and application of the rules for setting damages do you see a need to adjust the provisions for the application of that measure?
  - Yes
  - No
  - No opinion
- \* In your jurisdiction the reimbursement of legal costs incurred by the successful party can cover
  - Court fees for instituting proceedings In-house costs
  - Other court fees

- Attorney's charge
- External expert(s) costs
- Additional attorney's fees
- \* Are there any limitations on the recoverability of legal costs stipulated in the legislation/established by case law in your jurisdiction?
  - Yes

Other

No

#### \* Please explain:

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All legal costs actually incurred are not necessarily reimbursed. AJA Section 312: Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, the unsuccessful party must compensate the opposing party for the costs incurred as a result of the action. (2) In interlocutory appeals against orders and decisions, the unsuccessful party must compensate the opposing party for the costs incurred as a result of the interlocutory appeal, unless otherwise agreed by the parties. (3) However, the court may direct that the unsuccessful party is not to compensate or is only to partially compensate the opposing party for his costs if special circumstances so warrant. (4) If the unsuccessful party has offered the opposing party what is due to that party, the opposing party must compensate the unsuccessful party for the costs of the subsequent part of the process. Subsection (3) applies correspondingly. (5) If the case is dismissed in its entirety, the plaintiff will be deemed to have lost the case for the purposes of costs. (6) If, on appeal, a party is not successful in having the decision under appeal modified or reversed, such party will be deemed to have lost the appeal for the purposes of costs. (7) In the proceedings mentioned in Parts 42, 42a, 43, 43a and 43b neither party must pay costs to any other party. However, the court may direct a party to pay costs if special circumstances so warrant.

Please also see the description of AJA Section 316 supplied in the answer to the next question.

\* Overall, in view of your experience with the implementation and application of the rules for the reimbursement of legal costs do you think that the existing rules have helped effectively in protecting IP and preventing IPR infringements?

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

#### + Please explain:

#### 1500 character(s) maximum

The following remarks constitutes a continuation of the reply to the previous question, as sufficent space was not available above:

AJA Section 316: The costs which have been necessary for the adequate conduct of the case are deemed to constitute recoverable costs. Legal costs or costs for assistance by a person representing a party under section 260(5) by virtue of his occupation or under section 260(6) are recoverable by a reasonable amount, and other costs are recoverable in full.

- \* In view of your experience with the implementation and application of the rules for the reimbursement of legal costs do you see a need to adjust the provisions for the application of that measure?
  - Yes
  - No
  - No opinion

# C.2.4. Provisional and precautionary measures and injunctions (Articles 9 and 11)

Provisional and precautionary measures

- \* Do you have information on the number of requests for provisional and precautionary measures filed in your jurisdiction in cases of alleged infringement of IPR and on the length of proceedings?
  - Yes
  - No

# To your knowledge what are the reasons for applying for provisional and precautionary measures?

	Very relevant	Relevant	Less relevant	Not relevant
Prevent an imminent infringement	۲	0	0	0

Forbid the continuation of an alleged infringement	۲	0	0	0
Lodging of guarantees	0	0	0	۲
Seizure or delivery up of the goods suspected of infringing an IPR	۲	O	O	O
Blocking of alleged infringer's bank accounts and other assets	0	O	O	۲
Precautionary seizure of other movable and immovable property of the alleged infringer	0	O	0	۲
Other	0	0	0	0

# \* In your jurisdiction what are the requirements to obtain provisional and precautionary measures against an infringer?

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According to AJA, Section 413, a prohibitory or mandatory injunction may be granted if the party applying for the injunction proves on a balance of probabilities or by clear and convincing evidence: (i) that the party holds the right for which protection by way of a prohibitory or mandatory injunction is sought; (ii) that the conduct of the opposing party necessitates the granting of the injunction; and (iii) that the ability of the party to enforce his right will be lost if the party has to await a full trial. According to AJA, Section 414, no prohibitory or mandatory injunction may be granted if the general provisions of this Act on penalty and compensation and any security offered by the opposing party are deemed to provide adequate protection to the party. (2) The court may refuse to grant a prohibitory or mandatory injunction if such injunction would cause the opposing party to suffer a detriment or disadvantage which is clearly disproportionate to the party's interest in obtaining the injunction. According to AJA, Section 627, the enforcement court may levy attachment to secure money claims when (i) execution cannot be levied regarding the claim, and (ii) it must be assumed that the possibility of obtaining coverage at a later point in time would otherwise be significantly impaired

Furthermore, according to AJA, Section 628, attachment cannot be levied when it must be assumed that the claim does not exist.

\* In your jurisdiction can provisional and precautionary measures against an infringer be issued only to stop an actual infringement or also to prevent further infringements in the future?

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Only actual infringement

- Also further infringements in the future
- On't know

\* Do you have in your jurisdiction an out of court procedure for cease and desist notices for alleged IP infringements?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

# To your knowledge what are the reasons for not obtaining provisional and precautionary measures against an infringer?

	Very relevant	Relevant	Less relevant	Not relevant
Insufficient evidence	0	0	۲	0
Measure requested disproportionate	0	0	۲	0
No likelihood of success on the merits of the case	۲	0	0	0
Protection of confidentiality of information	0	0	۲	0
Protection of the right to respect for private life and/or a right to protection of personal data	0	0	۲	0
Request for a security or an equivalent assurance	0	0	0	۲
No commercial scale infringement	0	0	0	۲
Infringer established in another jurisdiction	0	0	۲	0
Other	0	O	0	0

# \* In your jurisdiction what are the requirements to obtain provisional and precautionary measures against an intermediary?

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AJA Section 413 on provisional and precautionary measures also applies in relation to intermediaries. Hence, the requirements are the same as explained above.
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- \* Is it possible to obtain provisional and precautionary measures against any intermediary or is an injunction subject to an active involvement (responsibility/liability) of the intermediary in the infringement?
  - Any intermediary
  - Only intermediaries actively involved in the infringement
  - Don't know

\* In your jurisdiction can provisional and precautionary measures against an intermediary be issued only to stop an actual infringement or also to prevent further infringements in the future?

- Only actual infringement
- Also further infringements in the future
- Don't know
- \* How do you define "further infringements" without imposing on intermediaries general monitoring obligation in the meaning of the E-commerce Directive?

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Such provisional/precautionary measures would concern a specific infringement; The courts can thus issue a preliminary injunction against an intermediary, which imposes an obligation on the intermediary to block future access to a specific website.

# To your knowledge what are the reasons for not obtaining provisional and precautionary measures against an intermediary?

	Very relevant	Relevant	Less relevant	Not relevant
Insufficient evidence	0	۲	۲	0
Measure requested disproportionate	0	۲	۲	0
No sufficient link between the intermediary and the infringement	O	0	۲	0
No likelihood of success on the merits of the case	O	0	۲	0
Protection of confidentiality of information	0	۲	۲	0
Protection of the right to respect for private life and/or right to protection of personal data	0	0	۲	0
No commercial scale infringement	0	۲	۲	۲
Intermediary established in another jurisdiction	0	0	۲	0
Other	0	0	0	0

\* Are you aware of problems when applying for provisional and precautionary measures in a cross-border situation (judicial authority in your jurisdiction and infringer or intermediary established in another Member State and/or judicial authority of another EU Member State)?

Yes

No

- \* Are you aware of problems when executing provisional and precautionary measures in a cross-border situation (judicial authority in another jurisdiction and infringer or intermediary established in your jurisdiction or vice versa)?
  - Yes
  - No

# To your knowledge what are the reasons for not applying for provisional and precautionary measures?

	Very relevant	Relevant	Less relevant	Not relevant
No need for a provisional injunction	0	۲	0	0
High cost of procedure	۲	0	0	0
Excessive security	0	۲	0	0
Length of procedure	0	0	۲	0
Responsible court in another Member State	0	۲	0	0
Applicable law of another Member State	0	۲	0	0
Intermediary in question not covered	0	0	۲	0
Other	0	۲	0	0

## ★ Please specify:

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Other reasons are: The risk to be liable for damages in case the final judgment determines that the provisional/precautionary measures were not justified.

The industry also refers to the so-called "OHIM bomb", meaning that in cases where the right holder seeks an injunction, the alleged infringer can choose to initiate cancellations proceeding at OHIM (in 3 instances).

# Injunctions

\* Do you have information on the number of requests for injunctions filed in your jurisdiction in cases of alleged infringement of IPR and on the length of proceedings?

Yes

No

\* In your jurisdiction what are the requirements to obtain an injunction against an infringer?

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According to AJA, Section 413, a prohibitory or mandatory injunction may be granted if the party applying for the injunction proves on a balance of probabilities or by clear and convincing evidence: (i) that the party holds the right for which protection by way of a prohibitory or mandatory injunction is sought; (ii) that the conduct of the opposing party necessitates the granting of the injunction; and (iii) that the ability of the party to enforce his right will be lost if the party has to await a full trial.

- In your jurisdiction can an injunction against an infringer be issued only to stop an actual infringement or also to prevent further infringements in the future?
  - Only actual infringement
  - Also further infringements in the future
  - Don't know

## To your knowledge what are the reasons for not obtaining an injunction against an infringer?

	Very relevant	Relevant	Less relevant	Not relevant
Insufficient evidence	0	0	۲	0
No sufficient link between the intermediary and the infringement	0	0	۲	0
Measure requested disproportionate	0	0	۲	0
Protection of confidentiality of information	0	0	۲	0
Protection of the right to respect for private life and/or right to protection	0	0	۲	0
No commercial scale infringement	0	0	۲	0
Other	0	0	0	0

# \* In your jurisdiction what are the requirements to obtain an injunction against an intermediary?

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AJA Section 413 on injunctions also applies in relation to intermediaries. Hence, the requirements to obtain an injunction against an intermediary are the same as explained above.

To your knowledge what are the measures applicants seek to implement when applying for an injunction against an intermediary with regard to third parties using their services infringing an IPR?

	Very relevant	Relevant	Less relevant	Not relevant

Block access to infringing content online	۲	0	0	$\bigcirc$
Stay down of infringing content online	0	0	۲	0
Adopt technical measures such as filtering	0	0	۲	0
De-indexing infringing websites	0	0	۲	0
Permanent termination of domain	0	0	۲	0
Permanent termination of subscriber account	0	0	۲	0
Discontinue providing payment services	0	0	۲	0
Discontinue providing advertising services	0	0	۲	0
Discontinue providing transport services	0	0	۲	0
Discontinue manufacturing of infringing products	0	0	۲	O
Termination of lease for commercial premises	0	0	۲	O
Other	0	0	0	0

\* Is it possible to obtain an injunction against any intermediary or is an injunction subject to an active involvement (responsibility/liability) of the intermediary in the infringement?

- Any intermediary
- Only intermediaries actively involved in the infringement
- Don't know
- \* In your jurisdiction can an injunction against an intermediary be issued only to stop an actual infringement or also to prevent further infringements in the future?
  - Only actual infringement
  - Also further infringements in the future
  - Don't know

# \* How do you define "further infringements" without imposing on intermediaries general monitoring obligation in the meaning of the E-commerce Directive?

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Such an injunction would concern a specific infringement; The courts can thus issue an injunction against an intermediary, which imposes an obligation on the intermediary to block future access to a specific website.
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\* Is it possible in your jurisdiction to obtain an injunction against an internet intermediary forbidding the continued access to the material that is allegedly infringing IPR when that injunction does not specify the measures which that access provider must take?

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No

Don't know

\* How do courts guarantee the judicial oversight of the measures chosen by the intermediary in the context of the need to ensure compliance with the fundamental right of internet users to freedom of information?

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The intermediary's customers can initiate legal proceeding against the intermediary. During such a case the court will decide, if the measures chosen by the intermediary went too far.

# To your knowledge what are the reasons for not obtaining an injunction against an intermediary?

	Very relevant	Relevant	Less relevant	Not relevant
Insufficient evidence	0	0	۲	0
No sufficient link between the intermediary and the infringement	0	۲	۲	0
Measure requested too severe	0	۲	0	0
Protection of confidentiality of information	0	0	۲	0
Protection of the right to respect for private life and/or right to protection	0	0	۲	0
No commercial scale infringement	0	0	۲	0
Other	0	0	O	0

# To your knowledge what are the reasons for not applying for an injunction?

	Very relevant	Relevant	Less relevant	Not relevant
No need for an injunction	0	۲	0	0
Costs of procedure	۲	0	0	0
Length of procedure	۲	0	0	0
Court in another Member State	0	۲	0	0
Applicable law of another Member State	0	0	۲	0
Intermediary in question not covered	0	0	۲	0
Other	0	0	0	0

- \* Are you aware of problems when applying for an injunction in a cross-border situation (judicial authority in your jurisdiction and intermediary established in another Member State and/or judicial authority of another EU Member State)?
  - Yes
  - No
- \* Are you aware of problems when executing an injunction in a cross-border situation (judicial authority in another jurisdiction and infringer or intermediary established in your jurisdiction or vice versa)?
  - Yes
  - No
- \* In view of your experience with the application of the rules for provisional and precautionary measures and injunctions do you see a need to adjust the application of these measures?
  - Yes
  - No
  - No opinion
- \* Should the Directive explicitly establish that all types of intermediaries can be injuncted?
  - Yes
  - No
  - No opinion

★ Please explain:

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It is not a problem in Denmark, where all types of intermediaries can be injuncted. However, as the situation differs across the member states, the proposed clarification is desirable.
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- \* Should the Directive explicitly establish that no specific liability or responsibility (violation of any duty of care) of the intermediary is required to issue an injunction?
  - Yes
  - No
  - No opinion
- Please explain:

1500 character(s) maximum

- \* Should the Directive explicitly establish that national courts must be allowed to order intermediaries to take measures aimed not only at bringing to an end infringements already committed against IPR using their services, but also at preventing further infringements?
  - Yes
  - No

### ★ Please explain:

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Please refer to the Danish Government's reply to the European Commission's recent public consultation on online platforms and online intermediaries etc. The reply describes the Danish Government's view on the role of intermediaries and provides suggestions for future initiatives.

- \* In that respect should the Directive establish criteria on how preventing further infringements is to be undertaken (without establishing a general monitoring obligation under the E-Commerce Directive)?
  - Yes
  - No
  - No opinion

★ Please explain:

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### \* Do you see a need for criteria defining the proportionality of an injunction?

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

### ★ Please explain:

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Looking at Denmark, there is no need for such a clarification. The system functions well in Denmark.
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### \* Do you see a need for a definition of the term "intermediary"?

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

### ★ Please explain:

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We find that the term "intermediary" is sufficiently precise, while at the same time being fit for future developments.
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\* Do you see a need for a clarification on how to balance the effective implementation of an injunction and the right to freedom of information of users in case of a provisional measure or

injunction prohibiting an internet service provider from allowing its customers access to allegedly IPR infringing material without specifying the measures which that service provider must take?

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

+ Please explain:



Looking at Denmark, there is no need for such a clarification.

- \* Do you see a need for other amendments to the provisions on provisional and precautionary measures and on injunctions?
  - Yes
  - No
  - No opinion

# C.2.5. Publication of judicial decisions (Article 15)

- \* Are judicial decisions related to the enforcement of intellectual property rights publicly available in your jurisdiction?
  - Yes
  - No
  - Don't know

### \* Please provide detail and reference:

1500 character(s) maximum

Most civil IPR cases are handled by the Maritime and Commercial Court. Its judgments are publically available on the court's website. In addition, The Danish Ministerial Network on IPR Infringements has established an online database containing the judgment in criminal IPR cases (available at www.stoppiratkopiering.dk).

- \* To your knowledge do parties usually request in legal proceedings instituted for infringement of an IPR the decision to be published in full or in part?
  - Yes
  - No
  - Don't know

### Please specify:

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In most cases, this measure is not requested.

\* Do you see a need for / added value in a more systematic dissemination of the information concerning the decision in legal proceedings instituted for infringement of an IPR?

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

#### Please explain:

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It is noted that the dissemination is already systematic in Denmark. It would
be preferable to have a systematic dissemination in all member states.
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# C.2.6. Other issues

#### + Please explain:

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- \* Are there any other provisions of the Directive which, in your view, would need to be improved?
  - Yes
  - No
  - No opinion

# D. Issues outside the scope of the current legal framework

# **D.1.** Intermediaries

- \* Do you think that the existing rules strike the right balance between need to effectively protect IP and preventing IP infringements and the need to protect fundamental rights including the right to respect for private life, the right to protection of personal data, the freedom to conduct a business as well as the freedom of information?
  - Yes
  - No
  - No opinion

# \* Do you believe that intermediary service providers should play an important role in enforcing IPR?

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

\* In your opinion which intermediaries are best placed to prevent infringements of IPR?

For the purpose of this consultation:

• "Advertising service provider"

Advertising agencies, advertising broker

"Contract manufacturing service provider"

Contract manufacturing is an outsourcing of certain production activities previously performed by the manufacturer to a third-party.

This may concern certain components for the product or the assembly of the whole product.

"Business-to-business data storage provider"

Data storage space and related management services for commercial user.

"Business-to-consumer data storage provider"

File-storing or file-sharing services for personal media files and data

• "Content hosting platform"

Platforms providing to the user access to audio and video files, images or text documents.

• "Press and media company"

Newspaper, broadcaster

- Advertising service provider
- Business-to-consumer data storage provider
- Contract manufacturing service provider
- Domain name registrar
- Internet Access Provider
- Online marketplace
- Payment service provider
- Retailer
- Social media platform
- Wholesaler

- Business-to-business data storage provider
- Content hosting platform
- DNS hosting service provider
- Domain name registry
- Mobile apps marketplace
- Other
- Press and media company
- Search engine
- Transport and logistics company

# ✤ Please specify:

500 character(s) maximum

All intermediaries could be relevant.

# \* Do you have in your jurisdiction a legal obligation for intermediaries to engage in the prevention of IPR infringements?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

# \* Do you facilitate voluntary cooperation between rightholders and intermediaries in the protection and enforcement of IPR in your jurisdiction?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

#### \* For which intermediaries?

Advertising service provider

- Business-to-consumer data storage provider
- Contract manufacturing service provider
- Domain name registrar
- Internet Access Provider
- Online marketplace
- Payment service provider
- Retailer
- Social media platform
- Wholesaler

Business-to-business data storage provider

- Content hosting platform
- DNS hosting service provider
- Domain name registry
- Mobile apps marketplace
- Other
- Press and media company
- Search engine
- Transport and logistics company

#### \* Please specify:

#### 500 character(s) maximum

In 2014-15 the Danish Ministry of Culture held a series of meeting ("the Dialogue Forum") which aimed to promote the cooperation between right holders and intermediaries in the protection and enforcement of especially copyright and related right in Danmark. Most of the intermediaries listed above were present. A number of working groups have been established with the aim of mapping existing voluntary coorperation schemes and discussing the possibility of developing new schemes.

### \* Which IPR are covered by these voluntary cooperation schemes?

- Copyright
- Community trademark rights
- National trademark rights
- Patent rights (including rights derived from supplementary protection certificates)
- Rights of the creator of the topographies of a semiconductor product
- Sui generis right of a database maker
- Utility model rights
- 🔲 All IPR

- Rights related to copyright
- Community design rights
- National design rights
- Geographical indications
- Plant variety rights
- Trade names (in so far as these are protected as exclusive property rights in the national law concerned)
- Other
- Don't know

### ★ Please specify:

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Currently the Danish right holders and most ISPs have entered into a specific agreement concerning blocking of websites. The agreement regarding blocking of websites does not specifically specify the covered IP-rights, but does primarily relate to copyright and related rights. Blocking of websites can also affect other type of rights, e.g. trademarks.

\* Do you consider voluntary cooperation between rightholders and intermediaries successful?

 Yes

# \* What are the essential elements for a successful voluntary cooperation between rightholders and intermediaries?

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- \* In your opinion does the voluntary involvement of intermediary service providers in enforcing IPR have or might have a negative impact on fundamental rights?
  - Yes
  - No
  - No opinion
- \* In view of your experience which model would you consider most efficient for the involvement of intermediaries in the prevention of IPR infringements?
  - Voluntary cooperation between rightholders and intermediaries (partners adopt amongst themselves and for themselves common guidelines at European level (particularly codes of practice or sectoral agreements)
  - Co-regulation (basic principles laid down in a legislative act and entrusting the attainment of the objectives defined to the partners)
  - Statutory cooperation
  - Other model
  - No opinion

# D.2. Specialised courts

- \* Do you have in your jurisdiction dedicated courts, courts' chamber or judges specialised in IP matters?
  - Yes
  - No
  - Don't know

### \* Please provide detail:

1500 character(s) maximum

Each party to an IPR dispute can demand that the case is handled by The Maritime and Commercial Court.

In the area of copyright users and collective right management organisations can use the Danish Copyright Tribunal to settle some disputes related to the

size of the tariffs etc. A decision of the tribunal does not exclude the parties from using the regular court system.

#### \* Which IPR are covered by the competence of the court?

- Copyright
- Community trademark rights
- National trademark rights
- Patent rights (including rights derived from supplementary protection certificates)
- Rights of the creator of the topographies of a semiconductor product
- Sui generis right of a database maker
- Plant variety rights
   Trade names (in so far as these are protected as exclusive property rights in the

Rights related to copyright

Community design rights

Geographical indications

national law concerned)

National design rights

- Utility model rights
   Other
   All IPR
   Don't know
- \* Does legal action at a court specialised in IPR matters provide an added value compared to legal actions at other courts?
  - Yes
  - No
  - No opinion

### \* What is the added value?

- Shorter lengths of proceedings
- Lower costs
- Court proceedings more fit-for-purpose
- Better quality of the court decision
- Other

### D.3 Other issues

- \* Do you identify any other issue outside the scope of the current legal framework that should be considered in view of the intention to modernise the enforcement of IPR?
  - Yes
  - No

### ★ Please explain:

#### 3000 character(s) maximum

Please refer to the Danish Government's reply to the European Commission's recent public consultation on online platforms and online intermediaries etc. The reply supports that the Commission analyses the need for new proposals to enhance the intermediaries' use of effective notice and action mechanisms for removing illegal online content. The reply also invites the European Commission to provide guidance to intermediaries on how best to implement efficient and cost-effective procedures. The reply further invites the Commission to consider and provide guidance on how a notifying party can present its notifications in order for them to be dealt with in a simple way.

# E. Other comments

- \* Do you have any other comments?
  - Yes
  - No

# **Useful links**

Enforcement of intellectual property rights (http://ec.europa.eu/growth/industry/intellectual-property/enforcement/index\_en.htm) The Single Market Strategy (http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\_MEMO-15-5910\_en.htm) The Digital Single Market Strategy (http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\_MEMO-15-4920\_en.htm)

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