



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Internal Market DG

Services, Copyright, Industrial Property and Data Protection
Copyright and neighbouring rights

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Dear Madam / Sir,

The Commission has adopted the Communication on the management of copyright and related rights in the Internal Market (COM(2004)261final, attached). This Communication and the related press release (IP/04/492) are available in the current 11 languages of the EU on the following website: www.europa.eu.int/comm/internal_market/en/intprop/news.

Chapter III of this Communication touches upon collective rights management. The Commission indicates that a legislative initiative in this field is required and describes the relevant issues.

In the framework of the specific preparation for this initiative, the Commission is now launching an additional consultation of interested circles which follows on from the consultations carried out up until 2002. This supplementary consultation will allow further discussion on the impact of this initiative on collective rights management and the good governance of collecting societies.

On the basis of Chapter III of the above Communication, the Commission is giving interested circles the opportunity to submit their additional comments up to 21 June 2004. This is also indicated in the press release IP/04/492 (attached).

The comments received will be put on the website of Internal Market Directorate General (www.europa.eu.int/comm/internal_market, "consultations") unless a specific request not to do so is mentioned.

Any comments should reach us before the given deadline at the following address: Markt-E4@cec.eu.int.

Yours sincerely,

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