[AM] New Law on Copyright

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On 15 June 2006 the National Assembly of Armenia adopted in the third and final reading the new Statute “On Copyright and Related Rights”. The Statute contains a number of provisions on media activities that are mostly similar to the stipulations of the previous law of 8 December 1999 and international covenants.

Article 51 of the Statute (“Rights of Broadcasting Organization”) stipulates that the broadcasting organization has a right to use its programme in any form and to receive remuneration for any form of use of a programme except in the cases provided for by this Statute. The broadcasting organization has an exclusive right to authorize or prohibit third parties the following actions: the fixation of the programme; the direct or indirect reproduction of the fixed programme; the distribution of copies of the fixed programme including their import; the rebroadcast of the programme; the communication of the programme in places accessible to the public against payment of an entrance fee; making the programme available to the public.

The broadcasting organization may transfer its economic rights to a third party in whole or in part by a contract.

The economic rights of a broadcasting organization in respect of the programme emanate from the date of first broadcast and shall run for 50 years (Article 61. “Term of Protection of Related Rights”).

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Statute “On Copyright and Related Rights”

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