

**THE LAW OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA  
ON AMENDMENTS TO THE COPYRIGHT  
AND NEIGHBOURING RIGHTS**

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**Article 1.** Chapter 6 of the RA Law on Copyright and Neighboring Rights (January 12, 2000) shall be supplemented with a new Article 44<sup>1</sup> with the following wording:

“Article 44<sup>1</sup>. Rights of Foreign Persons

Citizens or residents of other countries shall exercise the same rights and have the same responsibilities, specified in this Law, as citizens and residents of the Republic of Armenia, in accordance with international agreements signed by the Republic of Armenia or with the principle of reciprocity”.

**Article 2.** Part 2 of Article 45 of the Law on Copyright and Neighboring Rights of the Republic of Armenia shall be amended as follows:

“The provisions of this Law, including a full term of protection, are applied to object of copyright and related rights in existence at the moment of the coming into force of this Law whether created, prepared, communicated to the public, performed, disclosed or broadcasted in a foreign country, provided that under legislation of the country of origin the full term of their protection provided for has not expired (irrespective of past formalities), and the said country is a party for any copyright and related rights international treaty to which the Republic of Armenia is a party, provided that such protection is granted to the object of copyright and related rights in existence whether created, prepared, communicated to the public, performed, disclosed or broadcasted in the Republic of Armenia by an international treaty or the legislation of the given country.”

**Article 3.** This Law shall enter into force ten days after its official publication.

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