Legal framework

Below is a list of legal texts concerning copyright law:

Swiss legislation

Please note that an English translation is provided where available. Where a translation is not available, only the German version is linked below. In this instance, you can also access the French and Italian versions by clicking through to the German version.

- Federal Act on Copyright and Related Rights (Copyright Act, CopA)
- Ordinance on Copyright and Related Rights (Copyright Ordinance, URV)

European legislation


Directive 2006/115/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 on rental right and lending right and on certain rights related to copyright in the field of intellectual property


International legislation

Universal Copyright Convention revised in Paris on 24 July 1971

Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works revised in Paris on 24 July 1971

WIPO Copyright Treaty (WCT) of 20 December 1996

International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations of 26 October 1961

Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms Against Unauthorized Duplication of Their Phonograms of 29 October 1971

WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty (WPPT) of 20 December 1996

Beijing Treaty on Audiovisual Performances of 24 June 2012

Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled of 27 June 2013