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Copyright and information supply within academic institutions

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Copyright and information

- Information is free
- Defined number of IP rights
- Scientific Knowledge protected by copyright if it is put into a particular form



Copyright and academic institutions

- Academic institutions are prime sources for works protected by copyright
- At the same time prime users of works protected by copyright
- Intermediaries necessary
 - Who takes which responsibility?
 - What price are we able or willing to pay?



Legal exceptions to copyright

- Author (or his assignee) has full control over what may be done with his work
- Statutory limitations balance interests between authors, end users and their intermediaries
- Three-Step-Test, e.g. Art. 5(5) of Directive 2001/29/EC
- New provisions in recent amendment to German Copyright Act – "Second Basket"



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On the spot consultation § 52b UrhG

- On the premises of publicly accessible libraries, museums, non-commercial archives
- Designated terminals, number equals number of original copies
- Purpose of research or private study
- No purchase or licensing terms prohibiting such use
- Educational establishments are NOT priviledged
 Art. 5(3)(d) of Directive 2001/29/EC



Document Delivery (Mail / Fax) § 53 a I 1 UrhG

- Public library
- Journal articles / small portions of books
- customer would be allowed under § 53 UrhG to make a copy, in particular:
 - § 53 II 1 Nr. 1 UrhG (scientific use)
 - § 53 II 1 Nr. 4 UrhG (other own use)
- Deliveries to commercial customers allowed (disputed)



Document Delivery (E-Mail) § 53 a I 2, 3 UrhG

- Requirements of § 53 a I 1 UrhG complied with
- Graphic file
- Sole purpose of illustration for teaching or scientific research
- Non-commercial purpose
- What is copied is not contractually made available to the public
 - obviously
 - on adequate terms



"Obviously"

- Bundestag`s Legal Commission: The source is obvious if a database jointly administered by libraries and publishers lists it.
- Federal Government: It is expected that library personnel will within a short timeframe be familiar with the publishers` online products and will then be able to check without research in each individual case
- But: it is not only the publishers` online offers that count



"On adequate terms"

- § 32 II 2 UrhG: What is common and fair in a business relationship with regard to all circumstances and the extent of the use
- No compulsory purchase of packages or subsciptions
- Permanent and dependable way of use
- All boils down to three-step-test



Interlibrary Lending

- No explicit legal exemption in favour of interlibary lending exists
- Mail/Fax: § 17 II UrhG (original copies)
 - § 53 a I 1 UrhG (copies)
 - Customary right (OLG Munich)
- E-Mail: § 53 a I 2, 3 UrhG
- § 53 UrhG applicable to export and import
- Need to mind the other country's law if exporting or importing



Collecting Societies

- DocDel, On the spot consultation, Illustration for teaching/research: Statutory claim for an adequate license fee
- May only be claimed by collecting societies
- VG WORT and others
- General Contracts by KMK
- Time crunch until 1 Jan 2008: set aside reserves
- Problem: Amount of license fee unknown

The Third Basket to come?

- Both chambers noted futher need for reform when passing the Second Basket
- Statutory fallback of rights in works based on publicly funded research?
- Statutory limitation of exclusive licenses in works based on publicly funded research?

