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**Council for Trade-Related Aspects of  
Intellectual Property Rights**

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**NOTIFICATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS  
UNDER ARTICLE 63.2 OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT**

EUROPEAN UNION: DIRECTIVE (EU) 2017/1564 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL OF 13 SEPTEMBER 2017 ON CERTAIN PERMITTED USES OF CERTAIN WORKS AND OTHER SUBJECT MATTER PROTECTED BY COPYRIGHT AND RELATED RIGHTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF PERSONS WHO ARE BLIND, VISUALLY IMPAIRED OR OTHERWISE PRINT-DISABLED AND AMENDING DIRECTIVE 2001/29/EC ON THE HARMONISATION OF CERTAIN ASPECTS OF COPYRIGHT AND RELATED RIGHTS IN THE INFORMATION SOCIETY

<b>Notifying Member</b>	<b>EUROPEAN UNION</b>
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**Details of the notified legal text**

<b>Title</b>	Directive (EU) 2017/1564 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 September 2017 on certain permitted uses of certain works and other subject matter protected by copyright and related rights for the benefit of persons who are blind, visually impaired or otherwise print-disabled and amending Directive 2001/29/EC on the harmonisation of certain aspects of copyright and related rights in the information society
<b>Subject matter</b>	Copyright and related rights
<b>Nature of notification</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Main dedicated intellectual property law or regulation <input type="checkbox"/> Other law or regulation
<b>Link to legal text*</b>	<a href="https://ip-documents.info/2019/IP/EEC/19_5583_00_e.pdf">https://ip-documents.info/2019/IP/EEC/19_5583_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>Notification status</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> First notification <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment or revision to notified legal text <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement or consolidation of notified legal text(s)
<b>Previous notification(s) referred to</b>	<a href="#">IP/N/1/EU/C/1</a>

**Brief description of the notified legal text**

This Directive implements the obligations that the Union has to meet under the Marrakesh Treaty in a harmonised manner, with a view to ensuring that the corresponding measures are applied consistently throughout the internal market. This Directive therefore aims to improve the availability to persons who are blind, visually impaired or otherwise print-disabled of books, including e-books, journals, newspapers, magazines and other kinds of writing, notation, including sheet music, and other printed material, including in audio form, whether digital or analogue, online or offline, in formats that make those works and other subject matter accessible to those persons to substantially the same degree as to persons without such impairment or disability.

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<b>Language(s) of notified legal text</b>	English
<b>Entry into force</b>	On the 20 <sup>th</sup> day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.
<b>Other date</b>	Publication: 20 September 2017

**Notification details**

<b>Submission date of notification</b>	7 October 2019
<b>Other information</b>	
<b>Agency or authority responsible</b>	European Commission Directorate General Communication Networks, Content and Technology Unit I.2 Copyright

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