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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**

MYANMAR: THE COPYRIGHT LAW (LAW NO. 15/2019)

Notifying Member	MYANMAR
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Details of the notified legal text

Title	The Copyright Law (Law No. 15/2019)
Subject matter	Copyright and related rights
Nature of notification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Main dedicated intellectual property law or regulation <input type="checkbox"/> Other law or regulation
Link to legal text*	https://ip-documents.info/2024/IP/MMR/24_02578_00_e.pdf https://ip-documents.info/2024/IP/MMR/24_02578_00_x.pdf
Notification status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> First notification <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment or revision to notified legal text <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement or consolidation of notified legal text(s)
Previous notification(s) referred to	Not applicable

Brief description of the notified legal text

The Copyright Law was enacted by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw with Law No. 15/2019 dated 24 May 2019.

The objectives of this Law are:

- (a) to improve the literary and artistic production standard through the development of the literary or artistic works, performances, phonograms production and broadcasting;
- (b) to protect the copyright of the author and owner of copyright in accordance with this Law;
- (c) to protect the related rights of performer, producer of phonogram and broadcasting organization;
- (d) to contribute to the protection and promotion of traditional cultural expressions.

According to Copyright Law 2019, it is not compulsory to apply for copyright registration. Copyright is automatically protected upon the creation of a work. The standard term of copyright protection is the lifetime of the author plus 50 years from the year following the author's death for literary or artistic works. For other types of copyright works, the term is 50 years from the year following creation or publication, except for applied art works, which are protected for 25 years from the year following their creation. Related rights are protected for 50 years from the year following their creation, except for broadcasts, which have a protection term of 20 years from the year following

the broadcast. The copyright owner can enforce their rights against infringers through civil and criminal actions.

Language(s) of notified legal text	English, Myanmar
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Entry into force	31 October 2023
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Other date	Adoption: 24 May 2019
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Notification details

Submission date of notification	11 April 2024
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Other information	The English and Myanmar versions of the Copyright Law are available at www.commerce.gov.mm
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