NOTIFICATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS  
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The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu: Regulations Governing Application for Approval of License of Works of Unknown Owner of Copyrights and Royalties for Use Thereof

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| **Notifying Member** | | **The Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu** |
| **Details of the notified legal text** | | |
| **Title** | | Regulations Governing Application for Approval of License of Works of Unknown Owner of Copyrights and Royalties for Use Thereof |
| **Subject matter** | | Copyright and related rights |
| **Nature of notification** | | [  ] Main dedicated intellectual property law or regulation  [X] Other law or regulation |
| **Link to legal text[[1]](#endnote-1)** | | <https://ip-documents.info/2021/IP/TPKM/21_3601_00_e.pdf>  <https://ip-documents.info/2021/IP/TPKM/21_3601_00_x.pdf> |
| **Notification status** | | [  ] First notification  [  ] Amendment or revision to notified legal text  [X] Replacement or consolidation of notified legal text(s) |
| **Previous notification(s) referred to** | | [IP/N/1/TPKM/31, IP/N/1/TPKM/C/15](https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S006.aspx?FullTextHash=1&MetaCollection=WTO&SymbolList=%22IP/N/1/TPKM/31%22+OR+%22IP/N/1/TPKM/C/15%22); [IP/N/1/TPKM/6](https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S006.aspx?FullTextHash=1&MetaCollection=WTO&SymbolList=%22IP/N/1/TPKM/6%22) |
| **Brief description of the notified legal text**  In March of 2021, amendments were made to the Regulations Governing Application for Approval of License of Works of Unknown Owner of Copyrights and Royalties for Use Thereof. To facilitate the use of orphan works, public searches for economic rights holders may now be conducted by placing an announcement on the website of the copyright-competent authority. The reduction of the mandatory waiting period following publicizing of the search has also been reduced considerably. | | |
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| **Other information** | Please refer to the website of the Intellectual Property Office (TIPO) of the Ministry of Economic Affairs to get more information about the Regulations Governing Application for Approval of License of Works of Unknown Owner of Copyrights and Royalties for Use Thereof.  Website: <http://www.tipo.gov.tw>  Contact email address: [ipogp@tipo.gov.tw](mailto:ipogp@tipo.gov.tw) | |
| **Agency or authority responsible** | Ministry of Economic Affairs | |

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