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REVISED RULES AND REGULATIONS ON RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES RELATING TO THE TERMS OF A LICENSE INVOLVING THE AUTHOR'S RIGHT TO PUBLIC PERFORMANCE OR OTHER COMMUNICATION OF HIS WORK

Whereas, the State recognizes that the use of intellectual property bears a social function and to this end, the State shall promote the diffusion of knowledge and information for the promotion of national development and progress and the common good;

Whereas, it is the policy of the State to enhance the enforcement of intellectual property rights in the country; and, to protect and secure the exclusive rights of artists and other gifted citizens to their intellectual property and creations, particularly when beneficial to the people;

Now, therefore, pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act No. 8293, otherwise known as the Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines, as amended by Republic Act No. 10372, the following rules and regulations on the resolution of disputes relating to the terms of a license involving the author's right to public performance or other communication of his work are hereby promulgated:

Section 1. Title. These rules and regulations shall be referred to as "Rules on Resolution of Public Performance Disputes."

Section 2. Definition of Terms. Unless otherwise specified, the following terms shall have the meaning herein provided:

(a) "Author" means the natural person who has created the work:

(b) "Bureau" means the Bureau of Copyright and Other Related Rights of the Intellectual Property Office:

(c) "Communication to the public" or "communicate to the public" means any communication to the public, including broadcasting, rebroadcasting, retransmitting by cable, broadcasting and retransmitting by satellite, and includes the making of a work available to the public by wire or wireless means in such a way that members of the public may access these works from a place and time individually chosen by them;

(d) "Director General" means the head of the Intellectual Property Office:

(e) "Director" means the Director of the Bureau of Copyright and Other Related Rights:

(f) "Alternative Dispute Resolution Service" means the unit within the Intellectual Property Office primarily in charge of mediation proceedings;

(g) "Mediator" means any officer designated by the Alternative Dispute Resolution Service to amicably resolve disputes:

(h) "Office" means the Intellectual Property Office;

(i) "Public performance" means (1) in case of a work other than an audiovisual work, the recitation, playing, dancing, acting or otherwise performing the work, either directly or by means of any device or process; (2) in the case of an audiovisual work, the showing of its images in sequence and the making of the sounds accompanying it audible; and (3) in the case of a sound recording, the act of making the recorded sounds audible at a place or at places where persons outside the normal circle of a family and that family's closest social acquaintances are or can be present, irrespective of whether they are or can be present at the same place and at the same time, or at different places and/or at different times, and where the performance can be perceived without the need for communication within the meaning of 'communication to the public' or 'communicate to the public'.

Section 3. *Jurisdiction of the Director.* The Director of the Bureau of Copyright and Other Related Rights exercises original jurisdiction to resolve disputes relating to the terms of a license involving the author's right to public performance or other communication of his work.

Section 4. *Jurisdiction of the Director General.* The Director General shall exercise exclusive appellate jurisdiction over cases brought before the Director of the Bureau of Copyright and Other Related Rights in the latter's exercise of original jurisdiction.

Section 5. *Who may File a Complaint.* Any aggrieved party may file a complaint with the Bureau upon payment of the required filing fee.

Section 6. *Contents of Complaint.* - The complaint shall be in writing and shall state the following:

- (a) Name and address of the complainant and the name and address of the respondent;
- (b) Brief statement of the nature of the complaint;
- (c) The demands or reliefs sought for;
- (d) Verification and certification of non-forum shopping.

Section 7 *Escrow.* Should any party elect to avail of the provisions of the Civil Code of the Philippines on consignment with respect to the royalty or any sum of money that may be involved in the dispute, the complainant shall submit to the Bureau a certified copy of the Contract of Escrow.

Section 8. *Answer.* Within three (3) days from receipt of the complaint, a Notice to Answer, with a copy of the complaint attached thereto, shall be served upon the respondent by mail or personal service. The respondent shall file the answer to the complaint within ten (10) days from receipt thereof, specifically denying the material allegations of the complaint or alleging any affirmative defense. No motion to dismiss shall be allowed.