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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 8th July 2014 and assented to by the President on 13th August 2014:—

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No. 22 of 2014.

I assent.

TONY TAN KENG YAM,
President.
13th August 2014.



An Act to amend the Copyright Act (Chapter 63 of the 2006 Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Copyright (Amendment) Act 2014 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of section 7

2. Section 7 of the Copyright Act is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately before the definition of “accessory” in subsection (1), the following definitions:

““accessible format” means any format that —

- (a) is accessible to a person with a reading disability, including (but not limited to) a large print version, an electronic book, a sound recording, and the format known as Digital Accessible Information System (DAISY); or
- (b) is specifically designed to meet the needs of a person with a reading disability, including (but not limited to) a Braille version and photographic version;

“accessible format copy” —

- (a) in relation to any work to which section 54 applies, means a copy (whether in an electronic or a physical form) of the work or part of the work in an accessible format; or
- (b) in relation to any subject-matter to which section 115C applies, means —
 - (i) in the case of a sound recording, a copy (whether in an electronic or a physical form) of the sound recording or part of that sound recording in an accessible format; and

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- (ii) in the case of a sound broadcast, a sound recording or a copy of a sound recording (whether in an electronic or a physical form) of the sound broadcast or part of that sound broadcast, in an accessible format;”;
 - (b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “exclusive licence” in subsection (1), the following definition:
 - “ “foreign institution assisting persons with reading disabilities” means an institution —
 - (a) that has as its principal function, or one of its principal functions, the provision of works or other subject-matter to persons with reading disabilities; and
 - (b) that is formed, incorporated or established outside Singapore;”;
 - (c) by deleting the definitions of “handicapped reader” and “institution assisting handicapped readers” in subsection (1);
 - (d) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “institution assisting intellectually handicapped readers” in subsection (1), the following definition:
 - “ “institution assisting persons with reading disabilities” means an institution —
 - (a) that has as its principal function, or one of its principal functions, the provision of works or other subject-matter to persons with reading disabilities;
 - (b) that is formed, incorporated or established in Singapore; and
 - (c) that is declared by regulations made under this Act to be an institution for assisting persons with reading disabilities;”;

- (e) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Office” in subsection (1), the following definition:

“ “person with a reading disability” means —

- (a) a blind person;
- (b) a person whose sight is severely impaired;
- (c) a person unable to hold or manipulate books or to focus or move his eyes; or
- (d) a person with a perceptual handicap;”;

- (f) by inserting, immediately after subsection (1A), the following subsection:

“(1B) For the purposes of paragraph (b) of the definition of “accessible format” in subsection (1), something is in photographic version if it is produced as a film-strip or series of separate transparencies designed to meet the needs of persons with a reading disability.”;

- (g) by deleting the words “an institution assisting handicapped readers” in subsection (3)(a), (d) and (e) and substituting in each case the words “an institution assisting persons with reading disabilities”;

- (h) by deleting paragraph (g) of subsection (3) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(g) a reference to a copy of a work or other subject-matter, or of a part of a work or other subject-matter, for a person with a reading disability shall be read as a reference to an accessible format copy of the work or subject-matter —

- (i) made, on a non-profit basis, by or on behalf of the body administering an institution assisting persons with reading disabilities or an educational institution, for use by a person with a

reading disability for a permitted purpose within the meaning of section 54; and

- (ii) made available or distributed, on a non-profit basis, to a person with a reading disability for use by him for any of those permitted purposes;”;

- (i) by deleting sub-paragraph (i) of subsection (3)(l) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

“(i) of a copy, a copy for a person with a reading disability, or an intellectually handicapped reader’s copy, of the whole or a part of a work or other subject-matter; or”;

- (j) by inserting, immediately after subsection (5), the following subsection:

“(6) In this Act, an accessible format copy is made available to a person with a reading disability or a foreign institution assisting persons with reading disabilities if the copy is made available to —

- (a) the person with a reading disability; or
- (b) a person having responsibility for the day-to-day administration of the institution or another person authorised by the person having such responsibility,

on a network or otherwise, in such a way that the copy may be accessed by the person referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) (as the case may be) from a place and at a time chosen by the person.”.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 54

3. Section 54 of the Copyright Act is repealed and the following section substituted therefor: