

# Marrakesh Treaty Questionnaire – Singapore

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**1. Please indicate the relevant provisions in your national legislation providing for or regulating the limitations and exceptions to facilitate access to published works for persons who are blind, visually impaired, or otherwise print disabled.**

- Copyright Act (Cap.63, 2006 Rev. Ed.), Sections 54, 115C and 158.
- Copyright Regulations (Cap.63, Rg 4), Regulations 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 14, Second Schedule, Eleventh Schedule, Twelfth Schedule.

**2. Does your national legislation permit the cross-border exchange (i.e. exportation) of “accessible format copies”, as defined in Article 2 b)<sup>1</sup> MVT? If yes, under which conditions?**

Section 54(5) of the Copyright Act allows, on a non-profit basis, the making of an accessible format copy in a physical form for the purpose of export, as well as the making available of an accessible format copy in an electronic form, for or to a foreign institution assisting persons with reading disabilities or a person with a reading disability who is not resident in Singapore. This is subject to the conditions in Section 54(6) of the Copyright Act: \*

- The body administering the institution assisting persons with reading disabilities must comply with prescribed requirements for the purpose of ascertaining or verifying the identity of, and other information concerning, the foreign institution assisting persons with reading disabilities or the person with a reading disability who is not resident in Singapore.
- The body administering the institution assisting persons with reading disabilities must keep certain prescribed records as soon as practicable after the making or making available of the accessible format copy.

Section 54 applies only to literary, dramatic and artistic works. Section 115C extends its application (with the necessary modifications) to sound recordings and sound broadcasts.

*\* The above represents a simplified summary of the relevant legislative provisions; please refer to the actual legislative text for full details.*

**3. Does your national legislation allow the importation of “accessible format copies”, as defined in Article 2 b)<sup>2</sup> MVT? If yes, under which conditions?**

Section 54(8) of the Copyright Act allows, on a non-profit basis, the importation of an accessible format copy in a physical form of a work that originated from a foreign institution assisting persons with reading disabilities. This is subject to the conditions in Section 54(10) of the Copyright Act: \*

- The body administering the institution assisting persons with reading disabilities must have made a request to the foreign institution assisting

persons with reading disabilities for the accessible format copy for use by a person with a reading disability.

- Such use must be for a permitted purpose, ie. for the purpose of research or study undertaken or to be undertaken by a person with a reading disability, or for the purpose of the person instructing himself/herself in any matter.
- The body administering the institution assisting persons with reading disabilities must keep certain prescribed records as soon as practicable after receiving the accessible format copy.
- The body administering the institution assisting persons with reading disabilities must be satisfied after reasonable investigation that no new accessible format copy of the relevant work that has been separately published and is in the same format as the copy requested for, can be obtained within a reasonable time at an ordinary commercial price.

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**4. Does your national legislation provide a definition of “authorized entity”, as defined in Article 2 c) MVT? If yes, please provide the reference.**

While the Copyright Act does not contain a definition of “*authorised entity*” (as defined in Article 2(c) MVT), it provides that limitations and exceptions apply to any “body administering an institution assisting persons with reading disabilities”. Under Section 7(1) of the Act read with Regulation 4 of the Copyright Regulations, an institution assisting persons with reading disabilities is defined as:

- an institution 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;
- that is formed, incorporated or established in Singapore; and
- that is declared under the Second Schedule of the Copyright Regulations to be such an institution.

**5. Please provide a list with contact details of entities that can operate as authorized entities in your territory, and any further information that you can provide, such as number of accessible titles in the catalogue of the authorized entity and the languages covered.**

(1) Singapore Association of the Visually Handicapped

Address: 47, Toa Payoh Rise, Singapore 298104  
Tel : (+65) 6251 4331  
Fax: (+65) 6253 7191  
Info Line: (+65) 6252 9116 - Information service.  
Operating hours are from 8:00am to 5:00pm, Mondays to Fridays

SAVH Library:

Website: <https://savh.org.sg/library/>

For more information, please call Jayne Pang Siew Gek at 6251 4331 ext 181 or email to [library@savh.org.sg](mailto:library@savh.org.sg)

The opening hours of the Library are from Tuesdays to Saturdays from 9am to 6pm.

(2) Lighthouse School (formerly known as Singapore School for the Visually Handicapped)

Address: 51 Toa Payoh Rise Singapore 298106  
Tel : (+65) 6250 3755  
Fax: (+65) 6250 5348  
Website: <http://www.lighthouse.edu.sg/index.html>

(3) SG Enable

Address: Information and Career Centre  
Nest, #01-01, Enabling Village, 20 Lengkok Bahru,  
Singapore, 159053  
Tel: 1800 8585 885  
Fax: Nil  
Website: <https://employment.sgenable.sg/about-us/what-we-do/>

(4) SPD (formerly known as Society for the Physically Disabled)

Address: SPD Headquarters  
2 Peng Nguan Street  
SPD Ability Centre  
Singapore 168955  
Tel: (+65) 6579 0700  
Fax: (+65) 6323 7008  
Website: <https://www.spd.org.sg/about-us/>

SPD Assistive Technology Loan Library (includes a list of materials available for loan)

Website: <https://www.spd.org.sg/assistive-technology-loan-library/>

For further information and appointment booking, please contact us at [64730446](tel:64730446) or email us at [atc@spd.org.sg](mailto:atc@spd.org.sg).

(5) Very Special Arts (Singapore)

VSA Art Space @ Bedok

Address: 133 Bedok North Avenue 3

#01-138

Singapore 460133

Tel: (+65) 6448 6275

Fax: (+65) 6441 6403

VSA Art Space @ Changi

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Tel: (+65) 6604 9431

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Office Hours:

Monday to Friday: 9.00am – 6.00pm

Closed on weekends and public holidays

Website: <https://www.vsa.org.sg>

Email: [general@vsa.org.sg](mailto:general@vsa.org.sg)

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