

Marrakesh Treaty Questionnaire – Ethiopia

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.

The current Ethiopian copyright and neighboring rights proclamation No.410/2004 and amendment proclamation 872/2014 does not specifically provide provision that regulate the limitation and exceptions to facilitate access to published works for person who are blind, visually impaired and print disabled. But the draft for amendment of the proclamation provide a provision regulating the limitation and exceptions to facilitate access to published works for person who are blind, visually impaired and print disabled.

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

Ethiopian copyright and neighboring rights proclamation do not have any provision that permit the cross-border exchange exportation of “accessible format copies. However, the draft amendment proclamation entitled authorized entities to exchange accessible format copies with other authorized entities in another Marrakesh treaty contracting state.

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

Ethiopian copyright and neighboring rights proclamation do not have any provision that permit the exchange importation of “accessible format copies. However, the draft amendment proclamation entitled authorized entities to exchange accessible format copies with other authorized entities in another Marrakesh treaty contracting state.

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

Even though our national existing law does not provide a definition of “authorized entity “but we are intended to incorporate the definition in our new copyright and neighboring rights proclamation which will be in line with the Marrakesh Treaty we have signed.

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.

There no specific list of authorized bodies in Ethiopia.