Copyright

Revision/changes in existing law or regulations
A new law on Copyright and Related Rights that initiated by The State Agency on Intellectual Property (AGEPI) in 2007 was approved finally by the Parliament on July 2nd 2010 and came into force on January 1st 2011. The following exceptions and limitations for libraries have been included within the new law: reproduction for research or private purposes; provision for persons with disabilities (Adapting Materials for the Blind, Visually Impaired and other Reading Disabled Persons); public lending & interlibrary loan; education and classroom teaching (creating course packs for students for short period of time); making Digital Copies for Preservation and Replacement and legal deposit that will include works published in all formats.

By the end of 2011, new adjustments are supposed to be collected from a two days of training consultations with the staff of State Agency on Intellectual Property (on 3 and 7 October) and a three-day workshop (on 4 to 6 October) with the participation of the AGEPI staff, the representatives of CMOs, owners of rights and users, as well as judges and prosecutors.

New legislation

Orphan works
There has been no action during 2010-2011.

Mass digitisation
There has been no action during 2010-2011.

Digital preservation
There has been no action during 2010-2011.

Legal deposit

During 2009 and 2010 all tree laws haven’t being amended.

Public lending rights

According to the Section 12 on Right to Remuneration for Lending within the new law stipulates that “libraries or other similar institutions that are not for direct or indirect economic or commercial advantage shall be exempted from the obligation of the payment of the remuneration”.

Levies

Moldova does not have a levy system. In 2001 on July 7th a Government Decision on Minimum Rates of Remuneration of Author come into force that expressly stipulates in regard to libraries that “libraries, archives and educational institutions can multiply in small volumes or extracts of works on commercial purposes only under contract signed with right holders of the works and pay remuneration to the author or have a license obtained in advance from the collective organizations”.

Creative Commons
Moldova has no Creative Commons licenses.

Legal matters
Revision/changes in existing law or regulations
New legislation

Anti terrorist law
The law on Law on combating the terrorism was adopted in 2001 on October 21st, but doesn’t refer to library users and doesn’t affect library activities.

DRM
The law the refers to DRM applies only where an effective technological measures have been applied to protect a copyright work or a matter subject to related rights, and while such protection subsist. And it is designed in the normal course of its operation to prevent unauthorized use of copyright work in a way which would amount to an infringement of copyright.

Law cases
N/A

Lobby activities
N/A

Educational activities
Translation of the curriculum Copyright for Librarians (a joint project of the Berkman Center for Internet & Society and Electronic Information for Libraries (eIFL);

Strategic plans for future
On October 6th the Library Association will participate at a seminar organized by the State Agency on Intellectual Property where the following topics will be discussed: exceptions and limitations, digitization by libraries and other public services, the use of "orphan works," "Creative Commons" licenses and other open systems, etc.

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