



Marrakesh Treaty Implementation

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The chart below is an updated version of previous [monitoring reports](#). Where a country has been updated or added since the last report, this is indicated with an asterisk.

Information is sourced from contacts with library associations and associations representing people with print disabilities¹.

In many cases, legislation is still under discussion, and so this document should only be taken as a starting point for further investigation.

For clarification on the terminology and questions used, see the information at the bottom of the document.

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¹ Please note that print disabilities should be understood as defined in the Marrakesh Treaty, i.e. being blind, having a visual impairment or reading disability which cannot be improved to give visual function substantially equivalent to that of a person who has no such impairment or disability and so is unable to read printed works to substantially the same extent as a person without an impairment or disability, or being otherwise unable, through physical disability, to hold or manipulate a book or to focus or move the eyes to the extent that would be normally acceptable for reading.

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Afghanistan	Ratified, no national reform	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Albania	Ratified, national reform passed ²	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Andorra	Not ratified, no national reform	No	No	No	n/a	n/a	No	No

² See the revised law of 2022: <https://wipolex.wipo.int/en/text/586138>

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Argentina	Ratified, national law adopted ³	Yes	Yes	No ⁴	No ⁵	Unclear	Yes	Yes
Armenia	Acceded, no national reform ⁶	Yes	Yes	No	Unclear	Unclear	No	No
Australia	Ratified, national law amended	Yes	Yes	Yes ⁷	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

³ Agreed in July 2019 by the Senate, and in November 2020 by the Chamber of Deputies as S1762/18. Final text here:

⁴ In the bill, works which have been originally published in accessible formats are not covered by the exceptions, if used as they are. However, if further changes are necessary, the exceptions again apply.

⁵ The Authority responsible for applying the law is required to 'get to know' authorised entities. AEs are obliged to share their catalogues, but are freer in direct distribution to entities.

⁶ However, in Armenia, Treaties have direct effect, and so libraries can start to use Marrakesh provisions directly. For more information, see the EIFL article: <https://www.eifl.net/news/can-libraries-armenia-use-marrakesh-treaty-yes>

⁷ Yes, but with incentives provided to do so. There isn't a strict requirement to check commercial availability. One of the two exceptions, the one for institutions, includes no fairness test but a commercial availability check. The other one, a fair dealing, has no commercial availability test, but requires you to do a fairness assessment which is likely to involve a commercial availability test (as part of weighing up the "impact on the market" factor). So technically you don't have to do one, as long as your use is fair, but in reality, it's very likely that one will always be done. On the plus side, if you think your use is fair, you can still do it even if the material is commercially available.

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Austria	EU ratified, national law adopted	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes ⁸
Azerbaijan	Acceded, no national law	Yes	Yes	No	Unclear	Unclear	No	No
Bangladesh	Acceded, no national reform ⁹	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Belarus	Ratified, national law amended ¹⁰	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

⁸ Yes, but only as concerns some provisions

⁹ The latest law on WIPOLEX dates from 2005, and the quality of machine translation is poor

¹⁰ For more information, see 'Getting Started. Implementing the Marrakesh Treaty for persons with print disabilities. A practical guide for librarians - Belarusian edition (English)', <https://www.eifl.net/resources/getting-started-implementing-marrakesh-treaty-persons-print-disabilities-practical-guide-4>. The government of Belarus plans to amend the copyright law to permit circumvention of technological protection measures in accordance with Article 7 of the Marrakesh Treaty.

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Belgium	EU ratified, national law adapted ¹¹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Belize	Ratified, no national reform ¹²	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Bolivia	Ratified, no national reform	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Bosnia*	Ratified, no national reform	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes
Botswana	Ratified, no national reform	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear

¹¹ Text of the law available here: http://www.ejustice.just.fgov.be/cgi_loi/change_lg.pl?language=nl&la=N&table_name=wet&cn=2018112504

¹² The only relevant provisions affect broadcast content, allowing for subtitling: <https://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/text/588879>

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Brazil	Ratified, national law under discussion ¹³	Unclear (yes)	Unclear (yes)	Unclear (yes)	Unclear (yes)	Unclear (yes)	Unclear (yes)	No
Bulgaria	EU ratified, national law adopted	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Burkina Faso	Ratified, no national reform	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Cabo Verde	Ratified, no national reform	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear

¹³ Discussions about regulation are ongoing. There is no remuneration obligation in the current drafts, and efforts to remove commercial availability tests. However, there are tough rules about registration and oversight, and rightholders are still arguing strongly for commercial availability tests.

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Cambodia	National reform underway ¹⁴	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Cameroon	Ratified, no national reform ¹⁵	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Canada¹⁶	Ratified, national law amended ¹⁷	Unclear (yes) ¹⁸	Unclear (yes) ¹⁹	No	Yes	Unclear (yes) ²⁰	Yes	No

¹⁴ See this article: <https://www.phnompenhpost.com/national/undp-lauds-cambodia-inclusion-marrakesh-treaty-copyright-draft-law>. Current law: <https://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/text/567454>

¹⁵ The current law (2000) only allows libraries to reproduce works into Braille: <https://wipolex.wipo.int/en/text/125950>

¹⁶ Canada has been involved in cross-border exchanges of work under the Marrakesh Treaty – a direct exchange with Kyrgyzstan.

¹⁷ While legislation has been passed, and further discussions are currently not underway or scheduled, a regulation enacting some of the provisions regarding supplementary remuneration and annual reports are possible. The Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology has recently [reported](#) on the Statutory Review of the Copyright Act and pointed out the lack of increase of works in accessible formats since the ratification of Marrakesh. It recommends that this is monitored on an annual basis.

¹⁸ See footnote 6.

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²⁰ See footnote 6.

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Central African Republic	Ratified, no national reform	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Chile	Ratified, no national reform ²¹	Yes	Unclear (yes)	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes
Colombia	Not yet ratified ²²	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
China, People's Republic	Ratified ²³	Yes	Unclear	No ²⁴	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Comoros	Ratified, national	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	No

²¹ See Article 71C of the 2017 Law: <https://wipolex.wipo.int/en/text/511569>

²² Discussions are ongoing, with the national library association following these closely: <https://www.ascolbi.org/testing/item/el-tratado-de-marrakech-y-las-bibliotecas-en-colombia-un-llamado-a-la-accion>

²³ The Treaty has been ratified and applies to Hong Kong (see below), but not to Macao

²⁴ To note, there is a reference to making copies when

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	reform underway ²⁵							
Cook Islands	Ratified, no national reform ²⁶	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes
Costa Rica	Ratified, national reform passed in 2021 ²⁷	Yes	Yes	Unclear (yes)	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Unclear (yes)
Cote d'Ivoire	Ratified, no national reform ²⁸	Yes	Unclear	Yes	No	Unclear	No	No
Croatia	EU ratified,	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

²⁵ The draft text for the Comoros follows closely the Treaty:

https://es.unesco.org/creativity/sites/creativity/files/qpr/projet_de_loi_sur_le_droit_dauteur_version_final_fev2018_0.pdf

²⁶ Latest reform in 2013: <https://wipolex.wipo.int/en/text/357971>

²⁷ More here: <https://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/text/587978>

²⁸ The 2016 law sets out also that authorised entities may need to pay levies to use equipment for creating accessible format copies:

<https://wipolex.wipo.int/en/text/436013>

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	national law adopted							
Cyprus	EU ratified, transposed	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Czech Republic^{29*}	EU ratified, transposed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No ³⁰	Yes ³¹	Yes ³²
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Ratified, no national reform	Unclear (yes)	Unclear (yes)	Unclear (yes)	Unclear	Unclear	No	No
Denmark*	EU ratified, national law adopted	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

²⁹ See the law here: <https://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/text/589117>

³⁰ There is an obligation to publish how authorised entities comply, and to supply further information to publishers on request

³¹ For severe dyslexia only

³² There are possibilities to make works accessible for people with hearing disabilities, but cross-border provisions, however, do not apply

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Dominican Republic	Ratified, no national reform ³³	Unclear (yes)	Unclear (yes)	Unclear (yes)	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Yes
Ecuador	Ratified, national law amended	Unclear (yes)	Unclear (yes)	Unclear (yes)	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes
El Salvador	Ratified, no national reform	Yes	Yes	Unclear (yes)	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear (yes)	Yes
Estonia*	EU ratified, national law adopted ³⁴	Yes	Yes	Yes	No ³⁵	No	Yes	No

³³ The only exception now is to the communication right

³⁴ The amended Copyright Act came into force on November 28, 2018. See the law here: <https://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/text/588256>

³⁵ There is an obligation to inform the national library. Similarly, there is (as under EU law), an additional obligation to publish compliance information and provide further information to publishers on request

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Ethiopia	Ratified, no national reform	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Finland	EU ratified, national law adopted	Yes	No ³⁶	Yes	Yes	No ³⁷	Yes	No ³⁸
France*	EU ratified, national law adopted ³⁹	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Georgia	Not ratified, no national reform	Yes	Yes	No	Unclear	Unclear	No	No

³⁶ No, if a beneficiary person will have a permanent copy of an audio book.

³⁷ Apart from the European Directive's record-keeping requirements, the Finnish Copyright Act says that authorised entities operating in Finland should give their name and contact information to the Ministry of Education and Culture and so that the ministry can report to the European Commission.

³⁸ However, there is another piece of legislation in Finland concerning the production of copies for persons with hearing impairments, but that does not cover cross-border exchange of material.

³⁹ It had been subject to infringement proceedings.

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Germany	EU ratified, national law adopted	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Ghana	Ratified, no national reform	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Greece	EU ratified, national law amended	No ⁴⁰	No	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Guatemala	Ratified, national law amended	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	No	Unclear	Yes	No
Holy See	Not ratified, no national reform ⁴¹	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes

⁴⁰ Compensation is payable for educational works, but not for literary works

⁴¹ A priori, the Holy See simply follows Italian copyright law

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Honduras	Ratified, no national reform	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Hong Kong (China)*	Ratified, reform passed ⁴²	Yes	Yes	No ⁴³	Yes	No ⁴⁴	Yes	No
Hungary	EU ratified, national law adopted	Yes	Yes	Yes ⁴⁵	No	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear

⁴² Reform passed in 2020: <https://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/text/587223>

⁴³ See the notification provided to WIPO by China: https://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/notifications/marrakesh/treaty_marrakesh_87.html. To note, Hong Kong does add the additional provision that works must be available at a reasonable commercial price for the derogation to apply

⁴⁴ The law states that authorised entities need to inform rightholders about the making, importing or exporting of accessible format copies, unless it is an orphan work

⁴⁵ Response based on the fact that EU law does not allow such obligations

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Iceland	Ratified, national law adopted ⁴⁶	Yes ⁴⁷	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Unclear
India	Ratified, no national reform	No	No	Unclear	No ⁴⁸	Unclear	Yes	Yes
Indonesia	Ratified, partial national reform ⁴⁹	Yes	Yes	Yes	No ⁵⁰	No	No	No

⁴⁶ Acceded in December 2021, coming into effect in March 2022

⁴⁷ This is currently being reflected on, with consideration of the approaches taken by other Nordic countries. The current law implies that only audio-recordings create a right to compensation

⁴⁸ The beneficiary or authorised entity must apply to the copyright board for the right to do this.

⁴⁹ See regulation from 2019, although the auto-translate has issues

⁵⁰ It appears that you need to apply to be granted the possibility to make copies

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Ireland	EU ratified, national law adopted ⁵¹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Israel	Ratified, national law amended	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Unclear (yes)	Unclear (yes)	Yes
Italy	EU ratified, national law adopted	Yes	Yes	No ⁵²	No	No	Yes	Yes
Japan	Ratified, national law amended	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

⁵¹ The relevant bill is published here: <https://dbei.gov.ie/en/What-We-Do/Innovation-Research-Development/Intellectual-Property/Copyright/Copyright-and-Other-Intellectual-Property-Law-Provisions-Bill-2018/>

⁵² Contrary to European law, the Italian Statute does appear to impose a commercial availability check (see Article 71bis, 2-septies: <https://www.normattiva.it/uri-res/N2Ls?urn:nir:stato:legge:1941-04-22;633>)

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Jordan	Ratified, no national reform	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Kazakhstan	Not ratified, no national reform	Yes	Yes	No	Unclear	Unclear	No	No
Kenya*	Ratified, national law amended ⁵³	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes ⁵⁴
Kiribati	Ratified, no national reform ⁵⁵	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes

⁵³ Copyright (Amendment) Act No. 20 of 2019 available at <https://wipolex-res.wipo.int/edocs/lexdocs/laws/en/ke/ke040en.pdf> (see Section 2 Interpretation, Section 26C Visually impaired, and persons with other disabilities). See the EIFL Guide for more: <https://www.eifl.net/resources/getting-started-implementing-marrakesh-treaty-persons-print-disabilities-practical-guide-6>

⁵⁴ Domestically, making and sharing copies of works is permitted for people with all disabilities. It is only import and export of copies that is limited to people with Marrakesh disabilities

⁵⁵ There is no reference to export/import in the law

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Kyrgyzstan ⁵⁶	Ratified, national law amended	Yes	Yes	Unclear (yes)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Latvia	EU ratified, national law adopted ⁵⁷	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes ⁵⁸	No ⁵⁹	Yes	Yes ⁶⁰
Lesotho	Ratified, no national reform	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Liberia		Unclear (yes)	Unclear (yes)	No	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes ⁶¹

⁵⁶ Kyrgyzstan has been involved in a direct exchange of works under the Treaty with Canada.

⁵⁷ The Marrakesh provisions entered into force in Latvia on the 13 December 2018: <https://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/text/587475>

⁵⁸ However, not all libraries are considered authorised entities, only “an institution the performance of which is not profit-making and which provides education or access to information for persons who are blind or with other reading difficulties”.

⁵⁹ As with other EU countries, there is an obligation to publish compliance policies, and to provide information to rightholders on request

⁶⁰ Just before the Marrakesh-specific provisions, there is a general exception for uses for people with ‘functional limitations’ (auto-translate)

⁶¹ For people with a hearing impairment.

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	Ratified, national law amended							
Liechtenstein*	Ratified, no national reform ⁶²	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Unclear	Yes	Yes
Lithuania	EU ratified, national law adopted ⁶³	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes ⁶⁴	No	Yes	Yes ⁶⁵

⁶² The current law (<https://wipolex.wipo.int/en/text/186895>) allows the making of copies for people with any disability, but with an obligation to make payments when making or sharing more than just copies for individuals

⁶³ The national law has been approved by the Parliament, and all procedures are completed.

⁶⁴-The Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Lithuania (LRKM) provides the list of authorized entities in Lithuania and the customers should register at the libraries by providing the documents evidencing their disability.

⁶⁵ People with other disabilities are included as well: physical disability (immobility of hands or head, etc.); comprehension disability, problems related to old age (dementia), autism spectrum disorder, dyslexia.

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Luxembourg*	EU ratified, national reform ⁶⁶	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes
Macao	Not ratified ⁶⁷	Unclear (Yes)	Unclear (Yes)	Unclear (Yes)	Unclear	Unclear	No	No
Malawi	Ratified, national law amended	Yes ⁶⁸	Yes ⁶⁹	No	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Unclear
Malaysia	Acceded, national law not amended	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes
Mali	Ratified, no national reform	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear

⁶⁶ Luxembourg' updated its national law in 2020: <https://legilux.public.lu/eli/etat/leg/loi/2020/04/03/a242/jo>

⁶⁷ This is made clear in China's notifications to WIPO at the time of its ratification of Marrakesh: https://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/notifications/marrakesh/treaty_marrakesh_87.html

⁶⁸ The law as it stands does not mention remuneration.

⁶⁹ Limited: audiovisual works can only be lent, not distributed.

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Malta	EU ratified, national law adopted	Unclear ⁷⁰	Unclear ⁷¹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Marshall Islands	Ratified, no national reform	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Mauritius	Ratified, no national reform ⁷²	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	No
Mexico	Ratified, national law amended ⁷³	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Unclear (yes)

⁷⁰ The law maintains the option of setting up a compensation scheme, if it appears that there is prejudice to the interests of authors

⁷¹ See above

⁷² The current law dates from 2014. It allows for the making of copies, and their importation, subject to commercial availability tests. There is no reference to the possibility to export works, or other obvious provision around authorised entities

⁷³ International law is self-executing, and so where the Treaty is clear, beneficiaries and libraries can already draw on the rights. However, there are currently legal amendments under discussion.

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Moldova*	Ratified, national law amended ^{74 75}	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear ⁷⁶	Yes	Yes
Monaco	Not ratified, no national reform ⁷⁷	No	No	No	n/a	n/a	No	No
Mongolia	Ratified, no national reform ⁷⁸	Unclear (yes)	Unclear (yes)	No	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Yes ⁷⁹

⁷⁴ Law No. 230 of July 28, 2022, on Copyright and Neighboring Rights available at <https://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/legislation/details/21987>

⁷⁵ In a significant departure from the Marrakesh Treaty, the Copyright Act does not appear to permit importation (Article 58). However, since international treaties ratified by Moldova have direct effect, libraries may nonetheless be permitted to import accessible format copies (Article 2(3)).

⁷⁶ Article 59(3) of the English translation contains an ambiguity as to whether an authorized entity should notify the copyright office each time it supplies an accessible format copy to be beneficiary, or whether notification is required just once at the outset.

⁷⁷ Current law makes no reference to people with disabilities

⁷⁸ Law here: <https://wipolex.wipo.int/en/text/203958>

⁷⁹ For people with a hearing impairment.

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Montenegro	Acceded, no update to national law ⁸⁰	Yes	Yes	No	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes
Morocco*	Ratified, limited national reform ⁸¹	Yes	Yes	Unclear (no) ⁸²	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Unclear
Nauru*⁸³	Not ratified, relevant national provisions	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Netherlands	EU ratified, national law adopted	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

⁸⁰ See 2016 law: <https://wipolex.wipo.int/en/text/475811>

⁸¹ There is a short relevant paragraph here: <https://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/text/587403>. This, however, does not provide for authorised entities.

⁸² The text alludes to the Three Step Test, which may be interpreted to mean that copying should not compete with existing offers

⁸³ See relevant law here: <https://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/text/586433>

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New Zealand	Ratified, national law adopted ⁸⁴	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes ⁸⁵	No	Yes	No
Nicaragua	Ratified, no national reform ⁸⁶	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	No
Nigeria*	Ratified, national law passed ⁸⁷	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes ⁸⁸
North Macedonia	Not ratified, no national reform ⁸⁹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes

⁸⁴ Copyright (Marrakesh Treaty Implementation) Amendment Act 2019, <http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2019/0043/latest/whole.html>. Also applies to Tokelau

⁸⁵ However, the current draft indicates that notice has to be given to the Ministry before undertaking any activities as an authorised entity for the first time.

⁸⁶ Nicaragua's 1999 copyright law (article 34) allows for copying for people with blindness http://www.sice.oas.org/int_prop/nat_leg/Nicaragua/L312.asp#CVSS

⁸⁷ The final law is available: <https://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/text/586899>

⁸⁸ General provision on uses for persons with disabilities, in addition to the specific one on Marrakesh beneficiaries

⁸⁹ See Article 52 of the current law: <https://wipolex.wipo.int/en/text/437390>

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Norway*	Ratified, National law amended	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pakistan*	Imminent accession, no national law it seems ⁹⁰	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Panama	Ratified, no national reform	Yes	Yes	Unclear (yes)	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	No
Paraguay	Ratified, no national reform ⁹¹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear

⁹⁰ A news story indicates that there has been accession, but new law is available: <https://www.radio.gov.pk/12-12-2023/pakistan-signs-marrakesh-treaty-to-facilitate-access-to-published-works-for-visually-impaired-persons>, <https://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/text/129350>

⁹¹ The most recent law dates from 2010: <https://wipolex.wipo.int/en/text/585225> - see article 39(6)

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Peru	Ratified, no national reform ⁹²	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	No
Philippines	Ratified, no national reform ⁹³	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	No
Poland*	EU ratified, national law adopted ⁹⁴	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes ⁹⁵
Portugal	EU ratified, national law adopted ⁹⁶	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Unclear	No

⁹² The latest law dates from 2014: <https://wipolex.wipo.int/en/text/507001>

⁹³ The Treaty will enter into force in the Republic of the Philippines on March 18, 2019. The current law dates to 2015: <https://wipolex.wipo.int/en/text/488675>

⁹⁴ The consolidated law is available here: <https://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/text/589169>.

⁹⁵ Article 33(1) of the law does offer a general exception for making accessible copies for persons with disabilities

⁹⁶ See the current law: <https://wipolex.wipo.int/en/text/583948>, in particular Articles 75.2.i, and 82A-C

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Qatar	Ratified, no national reform ⁹⁷	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Republic of Korea*	Ratified, limited national reform	Yes ⁹⁸	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Yes
Romania	EU ratified, national law adopted ⁹⁹	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
Russia*		Yes ¹⁰¹	Yes ¹⁰²	Yes	No	Unclear	Unclear (no)	No

⁹⁷ No amendment has been needed for the implementation of the Treaty as in Qatar ratification of a Treaty has direct effect. Entry into force of the provisions will be on January 24, 2019.

⁹⁸ The law initially indicates only Braille, but then talks more broadly about formats that allow beneficiaries to understand/enjoy works.

⁹⁹ Law available here: <https://wipolex.wipo.int/en/text/545968>

¹⁰¹ Lending only, not distribution

¹⁰² Lending only, not distribution. At the legislative level, the law still does talk about works in printed form

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	Ratified, national law amended ¹⁰⁰							
Rwanda	Ratified, no national reform ¹⁰³	Yes	Yes	No	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	No
Saint Lucia	Ratified, no national reform	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Saint Vincent	Ratified, no national reform	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear

¹⁰⁰ There are proposals to amend the current law in three ways: extend the beneficiaries in accordance with the Marrakesh Treaty, and to permit distribution and cross-border exchange of accessible format copies (Proposed amendments to Article 1274 of Part Four of the Civil Code of the Russian Federation, 16 December 2021), The closed list of special formats (Braille, crypto-protected, embossed (relief) graphics) remains as is. There hasn't yet been a major reform to these provisions it seems - the most current one is from 2014: <https://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/text/588174>

¹⁰³ Rwanda is still operating with its 2009 law, which allows for reproduction for people with print disabilities, but subject to a commercial availability check. It is possible to import works, but there is no detail about export. The law is available here (Article 215): <https://wipolex.wipo.int/en/text/498148>

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San Marino	Ratified, no national reform	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Sao Tome and Principe	Ratified, no national reform	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Saudi Arabia	Ratified, no national reform	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Serbia	Ratified, no national reform passed ¹⁰⁴	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Yes

¹⁰⁴ See the pre-existing national law here: <https://wipolex.wipo.int/en/text/583238>. There have been no relevant reforms since then, although a consolidated edition of the law is now available: <https://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/text/587174>. To note, there is also a clarification that rightholders can refuse to licence to authorised entities.

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Singapore*	Ratified, national law amended	Yes ¹⁰⁵	Yes ¹⁰⁶	No	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes ¹⁰⁷
Slovakia	EU ratified, national law adopted	Yes	Yes	Yes ¹⁰⁸	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Unclear
Slovenia*	EU ratified, national law adopted ¹⁰⁹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No ¹¹⁰	Yes	No

¹⁰⁵ Rightholders can ask for payment, but there is no automatic obligation to pay.

¹⁰⁶ See footnote 36.

¹⁰⁷ The law does include similar provisions about persons with intellectual disabilities as about those with print disabilities: <https://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/text/587174> - see section 86 onwards

¹⁰⁸ EU law does not allow for commercial availability checks, and so this is a priori also the case in Slovakia

¹⁰⁹ The new law is available here in English: <https://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/text/587464>

¹¹⁰ In line with the EU implementation, there are obligations to publish compliance information and share information with rightholders and others on request. Similarly, it replaces the old (wider) law with one focused just on Marrakesh beneficiaries, which raises some questions about whether Marrakesh implementation should lead to a restriction of rights.

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Spain	EU ratified, national law adopted	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Sri Lanka	Ratified, no national reform ¹¹¹	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Sweden	EU ratified, national law adopted ¹¹²	Yes ¹¹³	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Slovakia	EU ratified, national law adopted	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear

¹¹¹ It is possible that Sri Lanka's fair use provisions may cover Marrakesh uses: <https://wipolex.wipo.int/en/text/184465>

¹¹² An unofficial translation of the law is available here: <https://wipolex-res.wipo.int/edocs/lexdocs/laws/en/se/se225en.html> (Article 17)

¹¹³ Sweden does, however, have a remuneration model which is separate from the Marrakesh Treaty and the Copyright Act

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Switzerland	Ratified, national law updated	No ¹¹⁴	No	Yes	Unclear	No	Yes	Yes ¹¹⁵
Tanzania	Ratified, no national reform	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Thailand	Ratified, national law amended ¹¹⁶	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes
Tajikistan	Ratified, no national reform	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Trinidad and Tobago	Ratified, national	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No

¹¹⁴ Payment is due for any widespread distribution, but not for ‘isolated uses’: <https://www.admin.ch/opc/fr/classified-compilation/19920251/202004010000/231.1.pdf>

¹¹⁵ Broader ‘sensory deficiencies’ are covered by Article 24a of the Federal Copyright Act: <https://www.admin.ch/opc/fr/classified-compilation/19920251/>

¹¹⁶ Law updated in 2018, with the promise of further information in the official gazette: <https://wipolex.wipo.int/en/text/585444>

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	reform passed ¹¹⁷							
Turkey	Not ratified, no national reform ¹¹⁸	Yes	Yes	No	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes
Turkmenistan	Acceded, no national reform	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
UAE (United Arab Emirates)	Ratified, national passed ¹¹⁹	Unclear (yes)	Unclear (yes)	Unclear (yes)	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	No

¹¹⁷ Legislation passed in June 2020: <http://www.ttparliament.org/legislations/a2020-14g.pdf>

¹¹⁸ Only applies to scientific and literary works (see additional article 11: <https://wipolex.wipo.int/en/text/440051>)

¹¹⁹ Law passed in 2022: <https://www.moec.gov.ae/documents/20121/376326/copyright.pdf/1b4d5d16-8e3c-6012-afa8-56cd4eb008da?t=1645596129916>. Nonetheless, further regulations are promised in regulation

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Uganda	Ratified, no national reform	Yes ¹²⁰	No	Unclear ¹²¹	Unclear	Unclear	No	Unclear
Ukraine*	Ratified, national reform ¹²²	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes ¹²³	Yes	No
United Kingdom	Ratified, national law adopted ¹²⁴	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
United States	Ratified, national law amended	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

¹²⁰ Braille.

¹²¹ Fair dealing.

¹²² The law of December 2022 (<https://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/text/587392>) provides valuable clarification, including for example the right to translate works in order to make accessible format copies. This now makes clear that cross-border exchanges are legal

¹²³ To note, there is the obligation to include a note in all accessible format copies that the work is only for persons with disabilities

¹²⁴ Following Brexit, the United Kingdom ratified the Marrakesh Treaty in its own right. It was previously covered by the EU's ratification

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Uruguay	Ratified, national law amended	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Uzbekistan	Acceded, national not updated ¹²⁵	Yes	Unclear	No	Unclear	Unclear	No	No
Vanuatu	Ratified, no national reform	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Venezuela	Ratified, no national reform	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Viet Nam	Acceded, national	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

¹²⁵ The latest reform was in 2018: <https://wipolex.wipo.int/en/text/473104>

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	reform passed ¹²⁶							
Zimbabwe	Ratified, national law reform underway ¹²⁷	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear

Under “status”:

- Ratified, national law under discussion: the Marrakesh Treaty has been ratified (or acceded to), but the process of amending national law is ongoing.
- Ratified, national law amended: the Marrakesh Treaty has been ratified, and national laws amended in response.
- Ratified, no national reform: the Marrakesh Treaty has been ratified, but we are not aware of efforts to amend national laws in order to comply. Compliance might be the case in countries where the Treaty provisions have direct effect after ratification.
- EU ratified, under discussion: Under the terms of the EU legislation on Marrakesh, EU Member States have until 11 October to bring their legislation into line with the rules set out in European law. For countries marked in this way, this process has not yet been completed.

¹²⁶ Law amended in 2022: <https://kenfoxlaw.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Vietnams-2022-amended-IP-Law.pdf>. To note, use of audiobooks appears to be subject to additional reporting requirements. Libraries are able to use these provisions if they fulfil the conditions set by the government, so a priori this is an open definition

¹²⁷ The Copyright Amendment Bill (2020) largely track the Marrakesh Treaty. However, the draft text inadvertently omits an authorized entity, such as a library, from supplying an accessible format copy to a print disabled person in Zimbabwe

- EU ratified, transposed: the country has successfully updated its national law in order to comply with the EU legislation on Marrakesh
- EU ratified, no national reform: the country has not initiated legislative changes to its national law.
- Not yet ratified, national law under discussion: the country has not ratified the treaty but has initiated legislative changes to its national law.

Criteria:

- *Can libraries use Marrakesh rights without paying remuneration (books)?* The Marrakesh Treaty leaves open the possibility for Member States to oblige beneficiaries and/or authorised entities such as libraries to make payments to rightholders when making or sharing accessible copies of books. We believe that such an obligation is counter-productive – it is directly harmful to beneficiaries, and risks drawing resources away from services to beneficiaries in the case of authorised entities.
- *Can libraries use Marrakesh rights without paying remuneration for audio-books?* As above but relating to audio-books. The current market situation for audiobooks means that some countries treat them differently to normal books. We believe, again, that payments will draw resources away from other uses.
- *Can libraries use Marrakesh rights without needing to check on commercial availability?* The Marrakesh Treaty leaves the possibility to oblige beneficiaries and authorised entities to check whether an accessible format copy of a book is available on the market before making and/or sharing a copy. Such a provision adds an extra bureaucratic step and may make using Marrakesh impossible in countries where it is difficult to be 100% sure about the availability of a book or not. Where a book is easily available in an accessible format, libraries and others are also likely to acquire this, rather than go to the expense of creating copies.
- *Can libraries use Marrakesh rights without a registration obligation?* The agreed statement on Article 9 of the Treaty underlines that there should be no obligation on authorised entities to register or seek special permission before they can make use of provisions under Marrakesh. However, many countries seek to impose such controls. This adds bureaucracy, and in many cases may reduce the number of libraries stepping forwards.
- *Can libraries use Marrakesh rights without additional record-keeping requirements?* The Treaty asks for authorised entities (libraries) to keep records and information about how they are preventing illicit use of works but does not oblige annual reporting or impose detailed requirements. However, some countries risk doing this, again taking time away from providing services.
- *Can libraries use exceptions to serve people with dyslexia included?* The refers to whether national laws – in line with the Marrakesh Treaty – extend the scope of beneficiaries to people with dyslexia.

- *Are people with other disabilities included?* While not included in the Treaty, it is possible for Member States to extend possibilities to benefit from the Treaty to people with other disabilities (beyond those explicitly cited in the Treaty). This is an issue currently on the agenda at the World Intellectual Property Organisation.