

EU copyright reform article 13

Posted by jwrl - 21 Mar 2019 16:55

I am taking the liberty of reposting something that I just picked up on at BlenderNation.

Bart Veldhuizen - BlenderNation wrote:

I don't often get involved in politics, but I do need to speak up and mobilise our community today as the European Parliament is set to vote on new copyright laws that will have a far-reaching effect on content creators, website owners and every citizen of the internet.

The most important one, 'Article 13' dictates that websites need to ensure that any uploaded content is free of copyright. Not only is this technically infeasible (it's hard even for the tech-giants, but impossible for small players), it also encourages platforms to 'play it safe' and deny posting of any material that they're not 100% sure about. This would lead to large-scale censorship and is a huge danger to your freedom of speech.

To bring it very close to home: if these laws come into effect **it might mean the end of BlenderNation and Blender Artists** as I don't have access to the 'copyright scanning' technology that would be required.

I encourage you to:

- [Read this article by the EFF](#)
- [Sign this petition](#)
- [Join a protest this Saturday](#) - I'll be at the one in Amsterdam this weekend.

Share this information on social media with #Blackout21

Make your voice heard! Stop these politicians who have no idea what they're about to do.

You can read the article and see the user responses at [BlenderNation](#) .

This will inevitably impact these forums too. People who currently post examples of their work will need to be able to assert copyright ownership or at the very least that the media used is in the public domain. While I take great care to post examples using only footage that I own, others here may not be in the same position. As I understand it, users that are currently covered by "fair use" clauses will no longer be protected.

We have seen in the past that personal messaging and user groups have been lost from the forums here thanks to the actions of the EU. If we also lose the ability to post examples of our work it's another nail in the coffin of the usefulness of these forums.

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Re: EU copyright reform article 13

Posted by hugly - 21 Mar 2019 18:56

Again this hysteria.

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Re: EU copyright reform article 13

Posted by hugly - 21 Mar 2019 18:59

Has nobody detected that Youtube already checks all uploaded soundtracks for copyright infringement automatically?

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Re: EU copyright reform article 13

Posted by RWAV - 21 Mar 2019 19:12

Of course a check for copyright infringement is an entirely different beast compared to a check for copyright validation.

I just about always use the LW demo project material for posted examples - kind of guessing that might be OK. Probably depend upon the 'fair use' concept for some demonstrations. Much of that has been sourced as an available download from YouTube - never as a 'ripped' stream - but still am pretty certain the actual copyright holder might, in some cases, be irritated

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Re: EU copyright reform article 13

Posted by hugly - 21 Mar 2019 19:40

The business models of Netflix, Amazon Prime and similar will make the race on the long run, subscription flat rates with hundreds of millions users. Fighting the business model of Youtube, that's what article 13 does, will just speed up the unavoidable.

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Re: EU copyright reform article 13

Posted by RWAV - 21 Mar 2019 19:54

Netflix, Amazon, Prime and others of the ilk are vastly different to You-me-and-everyone-else-Tube - neither subculture is under existential threat.

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Re: EU copyright reform article 13

Posted by jwrl - 22 Mar 2019 05:07

hugly wrote:

Again this hysteria.

I don't believe that either Bart or me are hysterical and I resent that implication. The concern that I have is that at the moment considerable freedom is enjoyed by users here, and that is likely to change for the worse.

Sneering is usually a sign of ignorance. I would not have expected it from you.

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Re: EU copyright reform article 13

Posted by hugly - 22 Mar 2019 05:22

I didn't mean you, I meant the press and parts of the public.

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Re: EU copyright reform article 13

Posted by edWD7 - 23 Mar 2019 08:51

_Also saw this on BlenderNation

_wondered If it would Crop up on at least part of the Forums(this and others websites)

_thanx``~...

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Re: EU copyright reform article 13

Posted by hugly - 23 Mar 2019 09:04

From what I understand from reading article 13 in German and many comments, it should not.

The article targets larger content distributors (e.g. streaming portals) earning money with potentially copyrighted material, which this forum isn't and doesn't.

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Re: EU copyright reform article 13

Posted by schrauber - 23 Mar 2019 11:26

hugly wrote:

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If this is the case, then the question also arises as to how legally secure and clearly the small platform operators are excluded from it.

Here in Germany there are law firms (not all were serious) whose only business model is to collect fees from sometimes dubious warnings.

Those who earn little or no money with their platform will probably shy away from the risk of the slightest legal uncertainty and switch off (as already happened in the past). Who wants to be punished if he only wanted to do something good for other users?

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Re: EU copyright reform article 13

Posted by hugly - 23 Mar 2019 12:19

Those who will have problems for sure are those "free" adult websites with millions of downloads per day. The major portals like Youtube are prepared.

For me it's nice to be able to upload some mashup to Youtube, wait for their comment after their scans, and if they say I can leave it there, it's safe for me.

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Re: EU copyright reform article 13

Posted by geomcd1949 - 23 Mar 2019 13:06

I'm not fully conversant with this issue, but it seems to me YouTube has the resources to protect itself, but what happens if somebody uploads copyrighted material to the LW Forum?

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Re: EU copyright reform article 13

Posted by hugly - 23 Mar 2019 17:43

The same as ever. What do you think the copyright holders have a problem with, Youtube, the Usenet, Pornhub or the Lightworks forum?

Youtube has ignored the rights of copyright holders for 20 years, simply by saying "it wasn't me". Good that the EU starts to fight against that.

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Re: EU copyright reform article 13

Posted by geomcd1949 - 23 Mar 2019 19:32

With respect, hugly, I don't think it is the same as ever. If the measure passes, and a user were to upload copyright material, the LW Forum would be subject to penalties.

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