

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 geomcd1949 - 23 Mar 2019 21:46

@hugly -- Didn't read it in the proposed legislation, but relied on jwrl's citation of Bart Veldhuizen of BlenderNation's concerns [in the first post on this thread], and jwrl's own repetition of possible problems for LW's Forum.

I find this persuasive, in that the the Forum could be subject to sanction in the event a user posted copyrighted material in (say) Community Showcase, or even by posting a video as an illustrative example in other Board categories.

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Re: EU copyright reform article 13

Posted by jwrl - 24 Mar 2019 15:15

That is exactly my concern. I own the copyright of the media that I post here: I think that it's highly likely that not all other users can say the same about their media. We have seen that user groups and PMs have been removed from the forums because Editshare quite reasonably wished to play safe after the EU's privacy legislation went through. It would be equally reasonable for them to decide to block uploading of media here after article 13.

Wouldn't you if you were in their position?

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Re: EU copyright reform article 13

Posted by hugly - 24 Mar 2019 18:56

If I would be in their position, I would consult a layer. But not now. The European parliament has to agree to the final version of this recommendation. Afterwards it will be transferred into national law, which can take a while (years maybe) and then, I would consult the lawyer.

And by the way, as it appears the UK leaves the EU, sooner or later. What impact should European law have to a UK based website?

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Re: EU copyright reform article 13

Posted by geomcd1949 - 24 Mar 2019 19:53

I think the point is that the legislation is not beneficial, and that the goal is to make the deciding body aware of reservations about it. Hence the petition linked to, above, in the first post.

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Re: EU copyright reform article 13

Posted by edWD7 - 27 Apr 2019 12:36

_here is an article on RedSharkNews _

www.redsharknews.com/business/item/6316-all-you-need-to-know-about-the-eu-copyright-directive-it-is-n-t-as-bad-as-you-think

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