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**The Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA) is good for Europe**

Dear Member of the European Parliament,

The signatories of this letter represent thousands of European companies of all sizes and millions of workers in dozens of sectors crucial to the European economy, which are eager to get Europe out of the current economic crisis by promoting creativity, innovation and growth-enhancing measures. We are all dependent on intellectual property. We stand united in support of ACTA and any steps, such as the decision to expeditiously refer the text to the Court of Justice of the European Union, that help build confidence in the treaty.

ACTA is good for Europe. Without changing EU law, it establishes common procedures for dealing with IPR infringements across countries accounting for 50% of world trade. The framework set up by ACTA will have a positive impact on protecting Europe’s industries, jobs and people. ACTA will have no negative consequences as it does not depart from EU law – as confirmed by two opinions of the European Parliament’s Legal Service as well as the European Commission. It is important to show that Europe is united and has trust in its institutions and government processes. That is why ACTA is supported by all the organisations and companies below, as well as the European Member States who joined the EU in the first step towards ratification.

We therefore urge you to focus on the facts and not the misinformation and to support ACTA. ACTA is an international cooperation project that will protect Europe’s rights and people and will confirm the EU’s global importance as a responsible trading partner. For Europe to have a successful knowledge economy and manufacturing base it must protect its workers, creators and the innovations of its manufacturers and industries abroad. The ACTA treaty sends an important message to third countries and to Europe’s workforce that our rights must be protected in practice, and that Europe will not fall behind other countries in this regard. This is a crucial moment for Europe’s governments and institutions in their effort to safeguard Europe’s jobs and economic future. Failure to do so will irrevocably affect Europe’s credibility as a trusted global trade partner.

We thank you for your support on this crucial issue:

ACEA - European Automobile Manufacturers Association
ACG - Anti-Counterfeiting Group
ACID – Anti-Copying in Design / UK designers and manufacturers, jewellers, furniture manufacturers, giftware designers, architects, fashion designers, interior accessory producers, graphic designers
ACT – Association of Commercial Television
ADEB – Association des Editeurs Belges / Belgian Book Publishers
AEDEM – Asociación Española de Editores de Música / Spanish Music Publishers Association
AEOM – Associação de Editores de Obras Musicais / Portuguese Music Publishers Association
AIE – Associazione Italiana Editori
AIM – Association des Industries de Marque / European Brands Association
AKKA/LAA - Copyright and Communication Consulting Agency / Latvian Authors Association
ALCS – British Authors’ Licensing and Collecting Society
ALLIANCE AGAINST IP THEFT – UK Coalition of Trade Associations and IP Enforcement Organisations
ANDEMA – Spanish Association for Defence of the Trademark
APM – Aktionskreis gegen Produkt- und Markenpiraterie
AFP - Associacao Fonografica Portugesa
AGPP - Association of Greek Producers of Phonograms
AESVI – Associazione Editori Sviluppatori Videogiochi Italiani / The Italian Entertainment Software Publishers Association
BAMP – Bulgarian Association of Music Producers
BASCAP - Business Action to Stop Counterfeiting and Piracy
BBB - Börsenverein des Deutschen Buchhandels
BEA - Belgian Entertainment Association
BIEM – Mechanical Rights Societies
BIU – Bundesverband Interaktive Unterhaltungssoftware / The German Trade Association of Interactive Entertainment Software
BPI - British Phonographic Industry
BREIN - Protection Rights Entertainment Industry Netherlands
BBA – Bulgarian Book Association / Асоциация Българска книга
BVA - British Video Association
BVMI – Bundesverband Musikindustrie
BVV – Bundesverband Audiovisuelle Medien e.V.
CAMERA NAZIONALE DELLA MODA ITALIANA – The National Chamber of the Italian Fashion Industry
CELC - European Linen and Hemp Confederation
CEPIC – Coordination of European Picture Agencies Stock, Press and Heritage / European Picture Industry
CEPI TV - European Coordination of Independent TV Producers
CEPS – European Spirits Organisation
CIE - Consejo Intertextil espanol /Spanish Textile and Clothing Industry
CIPR – Coalition for Intellectual Property Rights
CISAC – International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers
CMBA – Creative Media Business Alliance (Europe's top media and creative businesses and industry associations)
DACS – Design and Artists Copyright Society (UK visual artists)
DANSK SKUESPILLERFORBUND – Danish Actors’ Union
DMV - Deutscher Musikverleger-Verband / German Music Publishers Association
EACA – European Association of Communications Agencies
ECPA – European Crop Protection Association
ECTA - European Communities Trademark Association
EFPIA – European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations
EFÜ - Eesti Fonogrammitootjate Ühing / Estonian Association of Phonogram Producers
EIBF - European and International Booksellers Federation
EGEDA – Spanish Audiovisual Producers
ENPA – European Newspaper Publishers’ Association
EPC – European Publishers Council
EURATEX – European Apparel and Textile Confederation
EUROCHAMBERS – The Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry
EUROCINEMA – Association of Film and Television Producers
EUROCORD - European Liaison Committee of Twine, Rope and Netting Industries
EUROCOPYA - European organisation of movie and television producers' collecting societies
EUROCOTON - Federation of the Cotton and Allied Textile Industries of the EU
FAMA - Fachverband der Film- und Musikindustrie
FDA – Film Distributors Association
FEM - Federazione Editori Musicali / Italian Music Publishers Association
FEP-FEE - Federation of European Publishers /Fédération des éditeurs européens
FER - Federation of Romanian Publishers
FESI – Federation of the European Sporting Goods Industry
FFE - Filmforgalmazók Egyesülete / Hungarian Film Distributors Association
FGEE - Federación de Gremios de Editores de España
FIA - International Federation of Actors
FIAPF - Fédération Internationale des Associations de Producteurs de Films
FIAD - International Federation of Film Distributors Associations
FIGMA – Finnish Games and Multimedia Association
FIMI - Federazione Industria Musicale Italiana
FMPA - Suomen Musiikkikustantajatry / Finnish Music Publishers Association
FOILSIÚ ÉIREANN / PUBLISHING IRELAND – Irish Book Publishers Association
FORLAEGGERFORENINGEN – Danish Book Publishers Association
GEMA – German Authors and Composers
GESAC – European Authors and Composers Societies
GESAMTVERBAND TEXTIL + MODE - Confederation of the German Textile and Fashion Industry
HVB – Austrian Book Publishers Association
ICC DEUTSCHLAND - International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Germany
ICC FRANCE – International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) France
ICC SWEDEN – International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Sweden
ICMP - International Confederation of Music Publishers
IFPI – Representing the Recording Industry Worldwide
ILEC - Institut de Liaisons et d'Etudes des Industries de Consommation
IMPALA – Independent Music Companies Association
INDICAM – Instituto di Centromarca per la lotta Contraffazione
INTA – International Trademark Association
IRMA - Irish Recorded Music Association
ISFE – Interactive Software Federation of Europe
IWP – Izba Wydawców Prasy / The Polish Chamber of Press Publishers
IVF – International Video Federation
LaMPA - Latvian Music Producers Association
MAHASZ - Magyar Hanglemezkiadók Szövetsége
MARKENVERBAND - German Branded Businesses Association
MARQUES – The European Association of Trade Mark Owners
MicRec – Latvian Music Publishers
MODINT – Trade Association for Fashion, Interior Design, Carpets and Textiles
MPA UK – UK Music Publishers Association
MUSIKKITUOTTAJAT - Finnish Music Producers
MVKE – Magyarországi Videókiadók Egyesülete / Hungarian Video Association
NUV – Nederlands Uitgeversverbond / Dutch Publishers (book, newspaper and magazines) Association
NVPI – Brancheorganisatie van de Entertainmentindustrie
OPEM – Spanish Music Publishers Association
PIK – Polska Izba Książki / Polish Chamber of Books
PMI -Produttori Musicali Indipendenti / Italian Independent Music Producers
PRODUZENTENALLIANZ – German TV and Film Producers Alliance
PROMUSICAE – Productores de Música de España
SACG – Swedish Anti-Counterfeiting Group
SČHN - Svaz českých hudebních nakladatelů / Czech Music Publishing Association
SMFF - Svenska Musikförläggareföreningen / Swedish Music Publishers Association
SNE – Syndicat National de L'Edition
SNEP – Syndicat National de l'édition Phonographique
SROC – Sports Rights Owners Coalition
SW REPROPOL – Stowarzyszenie Wydawców REPROPOL / Polish Press Publishers’ Association REPROPOL
TIE – Toy Industries of Europe
TABD – Trans-Atlantic Business Dialogue
TUOTOS – Finnish Audiovisual Producers
UFIM – Union Française des Industries de la Mode / French Association of Clothing Manufacturers
UIT – French Textile Industries
UK MUSIC – Representing artists, musicians, songwriters and composers, record labels, music managers, music publishers, studio producers and music licensing organisations
UNIC – Union Internationale des Cinémas / International Union of Cinemas
UNIFAB – Union des Fabricants
UNIVIDEO – Italian Union of Audiovisual Publishers
VdF – Verband der Filmverleiher / Association of German Film Distributors
VG Bild-Kunst – German Visual Artists, Photographers and Graphic Designers Organisation
VKE – German Cosmetics Manufacturers
VPRT – Association of German Commercial Broadcasters and Audiovisual Services
VSC – Video Standards Council
VUV – Flemish Book Publishers’ Association
ZPAV – Polish Audiovisual Producers

More organisations being added

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