

Marrakesh Treaty Implementation

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The chart below is an updated version of previous <u>monitoring reports</u>. 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.

Corrections, clarifications and improvements are highly welcome – please feel free to send them to ifla@ifla.org.

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*	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	Yes	Yes	No	Unclear	Unclear	No	No
Australia	Ratified, national law amended	Yes	Yes	Yes ⁶	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 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 ⁷
Azerbaijan	Acceded, no national law	Yes	Yes	No	Unclear	Unclear	No	No
Bangladesh*	Acceded, no national reform ⁸	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Belarus	Ratified, national law amended ⁹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

⁷ Yes, but only as concerns some provisions

⁸ The latest law on WIPOLEX dates from 2005, and the quality of machine translation is poor

⁹ 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 ¹⁰	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Belize	Ratified, no national reform	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	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes
Botswana	Ratified, no national reform	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear

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¹⁰ 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

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Brazil	Ratified, national law under discussion ¹¹	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

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¹¹ 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 ¹²	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Cameroon	Ratified, no national reform ¹³	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Canada ¹⁴	Ratified, national law amended ¹⁵	Unclear (yes) ¹⁶	Unclear (yes) ¹⁷	No	Yes	Unclear (yes) ¹⁸	Yes	No

¹² 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

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

¹⁴ Canada has been involved in cross-border exchanges of work under the Marrakesh Treaty – a direct exchange with Kyrgyzstan.

¹⁵ 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 <u>reported</u> 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.

¹⁶ See footnote 6.

¹⁷ See footnote 6.

¹⁸ 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 ¹⁹	Yes	Unclear (yes)	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes
Colombia	Not yet ratified ²⁰	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
China, People's Republic*	Ratified ²¹	Yes	Unclear	No ²²	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Comoros	Ratified, national	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	No

¹⁹ See Article 71C of the 2017 Law: https://wipolex.wipo.int/en/text/511569

²⁰ 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

²¹ The Treaty has been ratified and applies to Hong Kong (see below), but not to Macao

²² To note, there is a reference to making copies when

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	reform underway ²³							
Cook Islands	Ratified, no national reform ²⁴	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes
Costa Rica*	Ratified, national reform passed in 2021 ²⁵	Yes	Yes	Unclear (yes)	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Unclear (yes)
Cote d'Ivoire*	Ratified, no national reform ²⁶	Yes	Unclear	Yes	No	Unclear	No	No
Croatia	EU ratified,	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

²³ 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

²⁴ Latest reform in 2013: https://wipolex.wipo.int/en/text/357971

²⁵ More here: https://wipolex.wipo.int/en/text/585328

²⁶ 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*	EU ratified, transposed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes ²⁷	Yes ²⁸
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	Not yet clarified	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

²⁷ For severe dyslexia only ²⁸ Cross-border provisions, however, do not apply

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Dominican Republic	Ratified, no national reform ²⁹	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 ³⁰	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

²⁹ The only exception now is to the communication right ³⁰ The amended Copyright Act came into force on November 28, 2018.

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Ethiopia	Ratified, no national reform	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Finland	EU ratified, national law adopted	Yes	No ³¹	Yes	Yes	No ³²	Yes	No ³³
France	EU ratified, national law adopted ³⁴	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Georgia	Not ratified, no national reform	Yes	Yes	No	Unclear	Unclear	No	No

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³¹ No, if a beneficiary person will have a permanent copy of an audio book.

³² 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.

³³ 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.

³⁴ 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 ³⁵	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 ³⁶	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes

³⁵ Compensation is payable for educational works, but not for literary works ³⁶ 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	Yes	Unclear	No ³⁷	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Hungary*	EU ratified, national law adopted	Yes	Yes	Yes ³⁸	No	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Iceland*	Ratified, national law adopted ³⁹	Yes ⁴⁰	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Unclear

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³⁷ See the notification provided to WIPO by China: https://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/notifications/marrakesh/treaty-marrakesh-87.html

³⁸ Response based on the fact that EU law does not allow such obligations

³⁹ Acceded in December 2021, coming into effect in March 2022

⁴⁰ 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 compensatin

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India	Ratified, no national reform	No	No	Unclear	No ⁴¹	Unclear	Yes	Yes
Indonesia*	Ratified, partial national reform ⁴²	Yes	Yes	Yes	No ⁴³	No	No	No
Ireland	EU ratified, national law adopted ⁴⁴	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

⁴¹ The beneficiary or authorised entity must apply to the copyright board for the right to do this.

⁴² See regulation from 2019, although the auto-translate has issues

⁴³ It appears that you need to apply to be granted the possibility to make copies

⁴⁴ 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/

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Israel	Ratified, national law amended	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Unclear (yes)	Unclear (yes)	Yes
Italy	EU ratified, national law adopted	Yes	Yes	No ⁴⁵	No	No	Yes	Yes
Japan	Ratified, national law amended	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
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

⁴⁵ 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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Kenya	Ratified, national law amended ⁴⁶	Yes	Yes	Yes	No ⁴⁷	Yes	Yes	Yes ⁴⁸
Kiribati	Ratified, no national reform ⁴⁹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes
Kyrgyzstan ⁵⁰	Ratified, national law amended	Yes	Yes	Unclear (yes)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Latvia	EU ratified,	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes ⁵²	Yes	Yes	Yes

⁴⁶ Legislation in 2019 made the relevant changes, followed by a renumbering in 2020: https://www.eifl.net/sites/default/files/resources/ipok_bill_2020_14-04-2020 final.pdf - see Section 225

⁴⁷ In the definition of "authorized entity", it appears that the entity must be approved or recognized by the government (Copyright Act Revised Edition 2020 [2001])

⁴⁸ 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

⁴⁹ There is no reference to export/import in the law

⁵⁰ Kyrgyzstan has been involved in a direct exchange of works under the Treaty with Canada.

⁵² 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".

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Lesotho	Ratified, no national reform	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Liberia	Ratified, national law amended	Unclear (yes)	Unclear (yes)	No	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes ⁵³
Liechtenstein	Ratified, no national reform ⁵⁴	No	No	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes

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 $^{^{\}rm 51}$ The Marrakesh provisions entered into force in Latvia on the 13 December 2018.

⁵³ For people with a hearing impairment.

⁵⁴ 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

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Lithuania	EU ratified, national law adopted ⁵⁵	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes ⁵⁶	No	Yes	Yes ⁵⁷
Luxembourg	EU ratified, national reform ⁵⁸	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes
Macao*	Not ratified ⁵⁹	Unclear (Yes)	Unclear (Yes)	Unclear (Yes)	Unclear	Unclear	No	No

⁵⁵ The national law has been approved by the Parliament, and all procedures are completed.

⁵⁶-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.

⁵⁷ 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.

⁵⁸ Luxembourg' updated its national law in 2020: https://legilux.public.lu/eli/etat/leg/loi/2020/04/03/a242/jo

⁵⁹ 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

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Malawi	Ratified, national law amended	Yes ⁶⁰	Yes ⁶¹	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
Malta	EU ratified, national law adopted	Unclear ⁶²	Unclear ⁶³	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

 $^{^{60}}$ The law as it stands does not mention remuneration.

⁶¹ Limited: audiovisual works can only be lent, not distributed.

⁶² The law maintains the option of setting up a compensation scheme, if it appears that there is prejudice to the interests of authors

⁶³ See above

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Marshall Islands	Ratified, no national reform	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Mauritius	Ratified, no national reform ⁶⁴	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	No
Mexico	Ratified, national law amended ⁶⁵	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Unclear (yes)
Moldova	Ratified, no national reform	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes

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⁶⁴ 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

⁶⁵ 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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Monaco	Not ratified, no national reform ⁶⁶	No	No	No	n/a	n/a	No	No
Mongolia	Ratified, no national reform ⁶⁷	Unclear (yes)	Unclear (yes)	No	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Yes ⁶⁸
Montenegro*	Acceded, no update to national law ⁶⁹	Yes	Yes	No	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes
Morocco	Ratified, no national reform	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear

⁶⁶ Current law makes no reference to people with disabilities

⁶⁷ Law here: https://wipolex.wipo.int/en/text/203958

⁶⁸ For people with a hearing impairment.

⁶⁹ See 2016 law: https://wipolex.wipo.int/en/text/475811

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New Zealand	Ratified, national law adopted ⁷⁰	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes ⁷¹	No	Yes	No
Nicaragua	Ratified, no national reform ⁷²	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	No
Nigeria	Ratified, national law awaiting presidential signature ⁷³	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

⁷⁰ Copyright (Marrakesh Treaty Implementation) Amendment Act 2019, http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2019/0043/latest/whole.html. Also applies to Tokelau

⁷¹ 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.

⁷² 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

⁷³ The Copyright Bill, 2021 largely tracks the Marrakesh Treaty

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North Macedonia	Not ratified, no national reform ⁷⁴	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes
Norway	Ratified, National law amended	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Panama	Ratified, no national reform	Yes	Yes	Unclear (yes)	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	No
Paraguay*	Ratified, no national reform ⁷⁵	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Peru*	Ratified, no national reform ⁷⁶	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	No

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⁷⁴ See Article 52 of the current law: https://wipolex.wipo.int/en/text/437390

⁷⁵ The most recent law dates from 2010: https://wipolex.wipo.int/en/text/585225 - see article 39(6)

⁷⁶ The latest law dates from 2014: https://wipolex.wipo.int/en/text/507001

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Philippines*	Ratified, no national reform ⁷⁷	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	No
Poland	EU ratified, national law adopted	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Unclear	Unclear (no)
Portugal*	EU ratified, national law adopted ⁷⁸	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Unclear	No
Qatar	Ratified, no national reform ⁷⁹	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear

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⁷⁷ 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

⁷⁸ See the current law: https://wipolex.wipo.int/en/text/583948, in particular Articles 75.2.i, and 82A-C

⁷⁹ 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.

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Republic of Korea*	Ratified, no national reform	Yes ⁸⁰	Yes	Unclear	Unclear (yes)	Unclear	Unclear	Yes
Romania*	EU ratified, national law adopted ⁸¹	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
Russia	Ratified, national law amended ⁸²	Yes ⁸³	Yes ⁸⁴	Unclear (yes)	No	Unclear	Unclear (no)	No

⁸⁰ But only Braille.

⁸¹ Law available here: https://wipolex.wipo.int/en/text/545968

⁸² 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.

⁸³ Lending only, not distribution

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Rwanda	Ratified, no national reform ⁸⁵	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
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

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⁸⁵ 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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Saudi Arabia	Ratified, no national reform	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Serbia*	Ratified, national reform not yet passed ⁸⁶	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Yes
Singapore	Ratified, national law amended	Yes ⁸⁷	Yes ⁸⁸	No	Yes	Unclear	Unclear (yes)	No
Slovakia*		Yes	Yes	Yes ⁸⁹	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Unclear

⁸⁶ See the national law here: https://wipolex.wipo.int/en/text/583238
⁸⁷ Rightholders can ask for payment, but there is no automatic obligation to pay.

⁸⁸ See footnote 36.

⁸⁹ EU law does not allow for commercial availability checks, and so this is a priori also the case in Slovakia

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	EU ratified, national law adopted							
Slovenia	EU ratified, national law under discussion	Yes	Yes	No ⁹⁰	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Spain	EU ratified, national law adopted	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Sri Lanka*	Ratified, no national reform ⁹¹	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Sweden		Yes ⁹²	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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⁹⁰ The existing exception only applies if the relevant work is not available in the desired form. However this will most likely changed in the current reform.

⁹¹ It is possible that Sri Lanka's fair use provisions may cover Marrakesh uses: https://wipolex.wipo.int/en/text/184465

⁹² Sweden does, however, have a remuneration model which is separate from the Marrakesh Treaty and the Copyright Act

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	EU ratified, national law adopted							
Slovakia	EU ratified, national law adopted	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Switzerland*	Ratified, national law updated	No ⁹³	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Tanzania	Ratified, no national reform	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear

⁹³ 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

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Thailand*	Ratified, national law amended ⁹⁴	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes
Tajikistan	Ratified, no national reform	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Trinidad and Tobago	Ratified, national reform passed ⁹⁵	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Turkey	Not ratified, no national reform ⁹⁶	Yes	Yes	No	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes
Turkmenistan		Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear

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⁹⁴ Law updated in 2018, with the promise of further information in the official gazette: https://wipolex.wipo.int/en/text/585444

⁹⁵ Legislation passed in June 2020: http://www.ttparliament.org/legislations/a2020-14g.pdf

⁹⁶ Only applies to scientific and literary works (see additional article 11: https://wipolex.wipo.int/en/text/440051)

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	Acceded, no national reform							
UAE (United Arab Emirates)*	Ratified, national passed ⁹⁷	Unclear (yes)	Unclear (yes)	Unclear (yes)	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	No
Uganda	Ratified, no national reform	Yes ⁹⁸	No	Unclear ⁹⁹	Unclear	Unclear	No	Unclear
Ukraine*	Not ratified, national reform ¹⁰⁰	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	No

⁹⁷ 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

⁹⁸ Braille.

⁹⁹ Fair dealing.

¹⁰⁰ The law was updated in 2017: https://www.wipo.int/wipolex/en/text/438250. However, there is no reference to cross-

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United Kingdom	Ratified, national law adopted ¹⁰¹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
United States	Ratified, national law amended	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Uruguay	Ratified, national law amended	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Uzbekistan*	Acceded, national not updated ¹⁰²	Yes	Unclear	No	Unclear	Unclear	No	No
Vanuatu	Ratified, no national reform	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear

¹⁰¹ Following Brexit, the United Kingdom ratified the Marrakesh Treaty in its own right. It was previously covered by the EU's ratification ¹⁰² The latest reform was in 2018: https://wipolex.wipo.int/en/text/473104

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Venezuela	Ratified, no national reform	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Viet Nam*	Acceded, national reform passed ¹⁰³	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Zimbabwe	Ratified, national law reform underway ¹⁰⁴	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.

¹⁰³ 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

¹⁰⁴ 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

- 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.
- 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.