

ABSTRACTS

After Germany had revised copyright law in 2003 for making the obligation provided by Information Society Directive of EU as a domestic law, the copyright law was revised again in 2007. The revised law is widely known as “the Second Basket (der Zweite Korb), for it covers the unsolved questions which were not treated before in the first implementation of Information Society Directive. This essay analyses the revision of copyright law in Germany.

Above all, this paper focuses on the alterations in copyright contract law, and examines the detailed conditions and effects of the revised provisions about enactment and revision history of copyright in the field of education and academic research. It also includes considering the changes of free use clause of certain articles and broadcast works, quotation clause, and of obligation to indicate the source and author caused by the alteration of this citation clause. In addition, it covers private copy, private copy levy system and the change related to collective management.

While circumstance of information has been rapidly changing, deepening gap among the interested parties to the agenda of copyright law make it difficult to meet the need to change. The most realistic alternative is to have a wider discussion on copyright and to reflect development of technique promptly, as well as to adjust the opinions of the interested parties harmoniously.

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