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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)

COSMETICS EUROPE – The Personal Care Association

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 – Istituto 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 – Motion Picture Association

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 REPOPOL – Stowarzyszenie Wydawców REPOPOL / Polish Press Publishers' Association
REPOPOL

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

UK PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION – UK Book, Journal, Audio and Electronic Publishers' Association

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

List current as of 27 April 2012, 1 pm