REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

LAW

ON MAKING CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS IN THE CRIMINAL CODE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

Article 1. Article 140 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Armenia (hereinafter referred to as the Code) shall be amended as follows:

"Article 140. Infringement of Copyright and Related Rights

Illegal use or misappropriation of authorship of an object of copyright or related rights, given that this action has caused damage exceeding 500 times minimum salary,

shall entail a fine at the rate of 200-400 times minimum salary"

The same action, given that it has caused damage exceeding 1000 times minimum salary, shall entail a fine at the rate of 600 times minimum salary, or imprisonment for a maximum term of three years."

Article 2. Amend the Code with Articles 140¹ and 140² as follows:

Article 140¹. Infringement of Patent Right

Illegal use of objects of invention, utility model or industrial sample, or dissemination of information concerning its nature prior to official recognition of that right and without the applicants consent, or misappropriation of that right, or compulsion to co-authorship, given that this action has caused damage to the aggrieved party's rights and legal interests.

shall entail a fine at the rate of 200-400 times minimum salary or imprisonment for a maximum term of one year.

The same action, given that it has caused damage exceeding 1000 times minimum salary, shall entail a fine at the rate of 400-600 times minimum salary, or imprisonment for a maximum term of three years."

Article 140² Illegal use of Trademark, Trade Name, Appellation of Origin

Illegal use of trademark, service mark, trade name, appellation of origin given that this action has caused damage to the aggrieved party's rights and legal interests,

shall entail a fine at the rate of 200-400 times minimum salary.

The same action, given that it has caused a damage exceeding 1000 times minimum salary,

shall entail a fine at the rate of 300-500 times minimum salary, or imprisonment for a maximum term of one year."

Article 3. This Law shall enter into force ten days after its official publication."