

Directive 2001/29/EC of the European Parliament and of  
the Council of 22 May 2001 on the harmonisation of certain  
aspects of copyright and related rights in the information society

CHAPTER I

**OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE**

*Article 1*

**Scope**

- 1 This Directive concerns the legal protection of copyright and related rights in the framework of the internal market, with particular emphasis on the information society.
- 2 Except in the cases referred to in Article 11, this Directive shall leave intact and shall in no way affect existing Community provisions relating to:
  - a the legal protection of computer programs;
  - b rental right, lending right and certain rights related to copyright in the field of intellectual property;
  - c copyright and related rights applicable to broadcasting of programmes by satellite and cable retransmission;
  - d the term of protection of copyright and certain related rights;
  - e the legal protection of databases.