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New terms and conditions for Intellectual Property Law Urheberrechts- Wissensgesellschafts- Gesetz (UrhWissG)

To whom it may concern

Allow me to call your attention to the announcement stated in „Rundschreiben Nr. 32/2017“.

Below, I would like to give a short summary of the announcement mentioned above.

The German Parliament has passed a bill concerning the reorganization and enhancement of German intellectual property and copyright law effective as of 1 March 2018.

Consequently, it will be allowed, e.g., to make accessible to others 15 % of copyrighted works instead of 12 % or a maximum of 100 pages.

When putting material protected by copyright online, it will no longer be necessary to ensure, that there is no equivalent offer available from publishing houses.

At present we assume, that the use of § 52a UrhG can most likely be continued as in the past, especially when applied on eCampus.

However, the public use of the full extent of articles from daily newspapers will be restricted. Only articles from professional or scientific journals may be used without restrictions.

§ 60d UrhG will offer the possibility to use so called "Text and Data-Mining" techniques on copyrighted material. These have to be noncommercial and can only be used for research purposes.

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