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Dear Nick,

Copyright Notices

Further to the launch of the Copyright Notices service on 30th July, members of the BCC have asked me to write with an enquiry about notification procedures.

Whilst it is clear that the service does not make new law, it is intended to provide clear and reliable information. This would appear to require some consultation with interested parties (and so likely to include BCC members) before information is published?

Therefore, once IPO has decided to respond to a request for a notice in line with prioritisation criteria, what mechanism will it put in place to notify interested parties of a decision in advance of wider publication of the Notice? If such a mechanism is planned, what steps IPO will take to ensure that the relevant parties are notified of its decision, to enable responses to be given on points of possible misconception?

The reason for our interest is that there is a risk that the Notice may "clash" or contradict information that is published or relied upon by BCC members, for example, if a Notice contradicts already "transparent" information which a CMO is required to publish about the licensing schemes they operate.

It would be helpful to have your views on this matter.

Kind regards.



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Chief Executive Officer