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The Commission has decided to send an additional letter of formal notice to Romania on the grounds that their national rules on the management of rights in musical works run contrary to EU copyright rules.



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The Commission first opened the infringement procedure by sending a letter of formal notice to the Romanian authorities on [8 December 2017](#) when the Commission disputed the use of mandatory collective management for the communication to the public of musical works. Romania amended its legislation in January 2019 to provide for collective licensing with an extended effect. The Commission considers that this amendment does not fully address the infringement to EU law identified initially. Furthermore, the new rules do not comply with article 12 of Directive (EU) 2019/790, which harmonises the conditions under which Member States may provide for mechanisms of collective licensing with an extended effect. The Romanian authorities have two months now to reply to the arguments raised by the Commission. Otherwise, the Commission may decide to send a reasoned opinion.

More information on EU copyright rules:

- [Directive 2001/29/EC](#) on the harmonisation of certain aspects of copyright and related rights in the information society
- [Directive \(EU\) 2019/790](#) on copyright in the Digital Single Market

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