

# DECISION OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR COMBATING INFRINGEMENTS OF COPYRIGHT AND RELATED RIGHTS COMMITTED ONLINE AND THE ILLEGAL EXPLOITATION OF ONLINE GAMES OF CHANCE

#### OF 30 JULY 2025 CONCERNING ORDER B/25/00051

Having regard to the Act of 15 June 1935 on the use of languages in judicial matters;

Having regard to the Act of 18 July 1966 on the use of languages in administrative matters;

Having regard to the protection of copyright, neighbouring rights and rights relating to databases as provided for in Book XI of the Code of Economic Law, in particular by Articles XI.164 et seq. of the Code of Economic Law (hereinafter referred to as "CEL");

Having regard to the summary proceedings brought on the basis of articles XVII.34/1 et seq. CEL;

Having regard to the Royal Decree of 18 April 2024 on the creation of the Department for Combating Infringements of Copyright and Related Rights Committed Online and the Illegal Exploitation of Online Games of Chance (hereinafter "the Department"):

Having regard to the Order of the President of the Dutch-speaking Business Court of Brussels of 16 July 2025 bearing reference B/25/000051, received by the Department on 18 July 2025;

Having regard to the hearing of eight parties (applicants, SEDO, Alipay, Cloudflare, Amazon, Microsoft, Google, Internet Archive) and having regard to the written comments which the Department received regarding its draft decision from Amazon, Cloudflare, Google en Alipay in accordance with Article XVII.34/2 §2, second paragraph CEL;

The Department has given an independent and impartial opinion on the implementation of the interim measures contained in the above-mentioned Order.

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#### I. Interim measures contained in the order

By order of 16 July 2025, the President of the Dutch-speaking Business Court of Brussels declared the claims admissible and well-founded and imposed the following measures:

- Orders the cessation of the infringements of their copyrights identified by them on the "Target sites";
- Orders the intermediaries named by the applicants to take all appropriate measures to terminate or prevent these infringements on the "Target sites";
- Extends these measures to websites or parts of websites that are replicas of the "Target sites" and to any address that provides direct access to them;
- Declares that each intermediary shall be liable to pay a lump sum of 500,000 euros in the event of non-compliance with any of the measures, including the detailed rules of application laid down by the Department;
- States that this penalty payment is due from the sixth working day after the implementation deadline set by the Department;
- Orders the internet service providers mentioned by the applicants to publish, at their own expense, within the implementation period determined by the Department, in the three national languages and in English, the following message each time an internet user attempts to access the page of a "Target site":
- States that the period for the applicants to initiate proceedings on the merits, as referred to in Article XVII.34/4 CEL, is six months from the decision of the Department laying down the detailed rules of application;
- States that this decision is only valid for one year from today.

## II. Scope of the Department's mandate

#### A. Decisions on the detailed rules for the application of the provisional measures

In its ruling, the President of the Business court authorised the Department, in accordance with Articles XVII.34/1 §9 and XVII.34/3 § 2 of the CEL, to implement the provisional measures to ensure their effectiveness. The Department may not extend, restrict or amend the scope of the decision.

#### B. Identification of the list of replica websites

In accordance with Article XVII.34/1 § 8 CEL, the President of the Business court extended the provisional measures to a website or part thereof that is a replica of the website specified in the decision and that is the subject of the provisional measures, or to any address that provides direct access to it.

It has instructed the Department to identify the replica websites and to communicate an updated list thereof to the intermediaries named by the applicants.

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## III. Decision of the Department on the implementation measures of the interim measures

The applicant identified five target websites ('Target sites') that qualify as illegal digital libraries, namely:

- 1) Library Genesis;
- 2) Z-library;
- 3) Oceanopdf;
- 4) Open Library;
- 5) Anna's Archive.

Different measures were sought against four categories of intermediaries whose services are used to infringe the copyright of the applicants, namely:

- 1) Internet service providers (ISPs)
- 2) Search engines
- 3) Host providers, domain name administrators, DNS administrators, CDNs and/or reverse proxies;
- 4) Payment intermediaries

The President also pointed out that, if deemed useful and for reasons of effectiveness, the Department may hear both the addressees of the measures and the applicants before determining the implementation measures, after which the Department will forward a draft of the implementation measures to the parties.

Since, in previous decisions of the Commercial Court in the context of these proceedings, further rules of application had already been imposed on ISPs (except Starlink) it was not considered useful to hear these parties (again).

However, the Department did contact the applicants and the other intermediaries to determine the implementation measures. The intermediaries were contacted using the email addresses provided by the applicants and/or the Department.

#### A. Further rules of application with regard to the applicants

In order to ensure good communication regarding the 'Target sites' to the intermediaries concerned, the applicants shall provide the Department with a list in Excel and/or CSV format containing the following information:

- The FQDN (Fully Qualified Domain Name)
- The full URL (Uniform Resource Locator)

#### B. Implementation measures applicable to all intermediaries

By default, intermediaries will be notified by e-mail.

The Department will use the e-mail addresses previously communicated to the Department by the addressees of the measures.

In the absence of prior communication, the Department will use the electronic means of contact in its possession.

The addressees of the measures may provide the Department with another electronic communication channel preferred by these parties.

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Notifications from the Department shall be deemed to have been received by the addressee three working days after they have been sent, unless there is proof to the contrary (Article 4, third paragraph 3 of the Royal Decree of 18 April 2024 on the establishment of the Department).

#### C. Implementation measures applicable to internet service providers (ISPs)

These rules of application are imposed on the following companies:

- Telenet BV, registered in the Crossroads Bank for Enterprises under number 0473.416.418, with registered office at 2800 Mechelen, Liersesteenweg 4;
- The public limited company Proximus, registered in the Crossroads Bank for Enterprises under number 0202.239.951, with registered office at 1030 Schaarbeek, Koning Albert II-laan 27;
- Mobile Vikings NV, registered in the Crossroads Bank for Enterprises under number 0886.946.917, with registered office at 3500 Hasselt, Kennpische Steenweg 309/1;
- NV Orange Belgium, registered in the Crossroads Bank for Enterprises under number 0456.810.810, with registered office at 1130 Evere, Bourgetlaan 3; NV Voo, registered in the Crossroads Bank for Enterprises under number 0696.668.549, with registered office at 4430 Ans, Rue Jean Jaures 46;
- DIGI Communications Belgium NV, registered in the Crossroads Bank for Enterprises under number 0803.299.956, with registered office at 1000 Brussels, Gasthuisstraat 31;
- NV Cybernet, registered in the Crossroads Bank for Enterprises under number 0460.526.504, with registered office at 4683 Oupeye, rue Pierre Michaux 59;
- EDPnet Belgium BV, registered in the Crossroads Bank for Enterprises under number 0799.091.641, with registered office at 9100 Sint-Niklaas, Bellestraat 30;
- CENTREA BV, registered in the Crossroads Bank for Enterprises under number 0478.734.986, with registered office at 2840 Rumst, Nieuwstraat 119;
- NV Yoin, registered in the Crossroads Bank for Enterprises under number 0754.793.919, with registered office at 1831 Mechelen, De Kleetlaan 4;
- BVTchamba Refinder, registered in the Crossroads Bank for Enterprises under number 0846.369.342, with registered office at 4840 Welkenraedt, Rue des Wallons 39;
- BV IPTelecom, registered in the Crossroads Bank for Enterprises under number 0732.566.863, with registered office at 5640 Mettet, Place de Scry 2, Bus A;
- United Mobile Belgium BV, registered in the Crossroads Bank for Enterprises under number 1014.887.937, with registered office at 2170 Antwerp, Komiteitstraat 46-52;
- The company under German law SkyDSL Europe BV, with company number 28073593 and intra-Community VAT number DE 814 085 184, with registered office at 13403 Berlin, Waldstr. 86 90 (Germany);
- The company under Irish law Starlink Internet Services LTD, registered as a foreign entity in the Crossroads Bank for Enterprises under number 0768.319.479, with registered office at D02 DH60 Dublin 2, Mercer Street Lower 1 5th Floor Beaux Lane House (Ireland).

In their capacity as intermediaries within the meaning of Article XVII.34/1 § 1 CEL, ISPs must apply redirection techniques to their DNS servers to block their users, exclusively from Belgian territory, from accessing the disputed websites referred to in Annex to this decision.

The ISPs must implement these measures within a maximum period of five working days. The measures will end on 16/07/2026.

Users attempting to access the infringing digital services must be redirected to the Department's redirect page, which can be accessed via the URL https://redirect.economie.fgov.be/bapo-blocked-content.

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This page displays the following message in one of the three national languages or in English, depending on the language of the browser:

"You are trying to access a digital service that provides access to content protected by copyright or related rights without the authorisation of the rights holder, or to an online gambling service that is being operated without a licence.

The president of the Brussels Commercial Court has blocked access to this illegal service. Services that infringe copyright or related rights have been added to a blacklist. This list and other information can be consulted on the website of the FPS Economy.

Anyone who maliciously or fraudulently infringes copyright and related rights risks a fine of between 500 and 100,000 euros or a prison sentence of between one and five years. Violations of the Gaming Act may also lead to criminal prosecution.

Are you looking for a legal alternative? Then visit the website of the FPS Economy and Agorateka.

#### D. Implementation measures applicable to Microsoft

The implementation rules are imposed on the following company:

The company Microsoft, including Microsoft Corporation, with company number 600 413 485 and registered office at 98052-8300 Washington, Microsoft Way 1, Redmond (United States), and NV Microsoft, with company number 0437.910.359, whose registered office is located at 1930 Zaventem, Brussels National Airport 1K.

Microsoft shall take all appropriate measures to remove the URLs referred to in Annex to this decision from the search results of the search engine Bing and disable any Microsoft Advertising that would facilitate access to these sites in order to prevent access to those URLs, exclusively on Belgian territory.

The company must this implement measure within a maximum period of five working days after receipt of the decision of the Department. The measures will expire on 16/07/2026.

#### E. Implementation measures applicable to Google

The implementation rules are imposed on the following companies:

The limited liability company under American law Google LLC, with company number 201727810678, whose registered office is located at 1600 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View, 94043 California (United States), and the limited liability company under Irish law Google Ireland, with company number 368047, whose registered office is located at Gordon House, Barrow Street, Dublin 4, Dublin, D04E5W5 (Ireland)

Taking into account the hearing of Google and the written comments submitted to the Department (28/07/2025), Google must remove the URLs referred to in Annex I to this decision from the results of the search engine "Google Search", and deactivate all Google Ads advertisements facilitating access to those URLs, in order to prevent access to those URLs, exclusively on Belgian territory.

In addition, Google must remove the 'LibGen / Library Genesis' app from its Google Play store.

The company must implement this measure within a maximum of five working days after receipt of the decision of the Department. The measures will expire on 16/07/2026.

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F. Implementation measures applicable to intermediaries providing one or more of the following services: content hosting, DNS management, domain name management, CDN, reverse proxy

The applicants identified various intermediaries whose services are used to grant access to one or more illegal 'target sites'. The Department invited these parties to be heard. The companies Amazon, SEDO and Cloudflare agreed to do so.

After the hearing of the company Amazon.com Inc., Web Services, Inc. (with registered office in the United States, WA 98108-5210 Seattle, Terry Avenue North, 410) on 25/07/2025 and the written comments received by the Department (28/07/2025), it has been established that the company does not provide any of the targeted services to the Target sites. The Department decides therefore that no implementation measures will be imposed at this time. If new information provided by the Department or by the applicants demonstrates Amazon Web Services' involvement with one of the Target sites or one of the mirror sites, copycats or redirects, the capacity in which Amazon Web Services acts and the measures it must take will be determined after consultation with the Department in a later decision regarding this party.

After the hearing of SEDO GmbH (registered office at Im Mediapark 6B, 50670 Cologne) on 24/07/2025, it became apparent that this party does not provide services to the 'Target sites' and is not a classic domain name administrator, but acts as a sales platform for domain names. Based on this information, the Department has decided that SEDO must take measures to prevent the resale of domain names for which it has been notified.

After the hearing of Internet Archive/Archive.org, the Department determined that, unlike the other 'Target sites', the applicants were able to identify the owner of the website (Open Library). The Department heard this party on 28/07/2025. Due to the capacity of this intermediary as website owner, the Department considers that additional consultation with the parties involved (Internet Archive, requesting parties) is necessary and that, if necessary, the implementation measures that have to be taken by this party will be determined in consultation with the parties involved in a later decision.

With regard to the other intermediaries that were identified, namely:

- Hostinger, UAB with registered office at 03230, Vilnius (Lithuania), Svitrigailos str. 34
- GoDaddy LLC, with registered office in the United States, Arizona 85281, Tempe, 100 s. Mill Avenue Suite 1600;
- Cloudflare Inc, with company number 3274841 and registered office in the United States, 94107 San Francisco, 101 Townsend Street;
- Unmanaged Ltd, with company number 12461131 and registered office at Brindley Close, Rushden, Northamptonshire NN106EN, United Kingdom;
- AlexHost SRL, with company number 0507642 (tax code 1013600031708) and registered office in Moldova (Chisinau), mun. Chisinau, Str. C. Brancusi nr.3

the Department determines that they, to the extent that one or more of the mentioned services are provided to the Target sites and taking into account the nature of the service provided in question, must take appropriate measures to suspend their services to these 'Target sites' and thus prevent access to the 'Target sites' on Belgian territory.

The intermediaries must implement these measures within a maximum period of five working days of receipt of the Department's decision by the intermediaries. The measures will expire on 16/07/2026.

If due to special circumstances the implementation period is not feasible, the intermediaries shall inform the Department and a longer period may be granted by the Department.

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#### G. Implementation measures applicable to payment intermediaries

The payment intermediaries used by the Target Sites in accordance with the findings of the applicants are as follows:

- Alipay (Europe) Limited SA, with company number R161687 and registered office at 1911,
  Rue du Laboratoire 9, Luxembourg;
- Cash App, with registered office at 1955 Broadway, suite 600, Oakland, 94612 California, and Squareup Europe Ltd, with company number 08957689 and registered office at 6th Floor One London Wall, London, EC2Y 5EB;
- Paypal (Europe) sail, with company number 118349 and registered office at Luxembourg L-2449, Boulevard Royal 22-24.

The intermediaries in this category are requested to take appropriate measures to suspend payment services in relation to the Target Sites .

In order to enable these intermediaries to identify the merchant receiving the payment ('Merchant'), the basic data (URL, FQDN) are not sufficient.

The applicants must provide the following information to the Department:

- a screenshot of the payment page showing that the payment intermediary has a link with the infringer and
- identification details of the merchant (e-mail address, account number, company name, merchant name, contact number, transaction reference, etc.)

In addition, the applicants may also suggest search terms and/or provide other supporting documents demonstrating that a particular merchant or company generates income from the 'Target sites' concerned.

The provision of this information must enable the payment intermediaries to reasonably identify the merchant (infringer) before suspending the payment service.

The information must be forwarded to the Department, which will communicate it to the payment intermediary. If the information provided is insufficient, the payment intermediary will inform the Department and specify which data is missing.

As soon as the payment service provider can reasonably identify the merchant, the payment service provider shall take appropriate measures to suspend the payment service in respect of that merchant within ten working days of receipt of the information communicated by the Department.

If due to special circumstances this implementation period is not feasible, the payment service provider must inform the Department and the Department may grant a longer period.

The measures will end on 16/07/2026.

## IV. Monitoring by the Department of the implementation of the detailed rules of application

All intermediaries must inform the Department by e-mail of the action(s) they have taken to prevent access to the target sites from Belgian prevent. All communication shall be conducted via the email address of the Department: <a href="mailto:anti-piracy@economie.fgov.be">anti-piracy@economie.fgov.be</a>.

The Department will also check that the addressees are implementing the measures.

Where applicable, the addressees of the measures shall provide the Department with the necessary facilities to enable the Department to carry out these checks.

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#### V. Updates of the 'Target sites'

If new mirror sites, redirects or copycats are identified, the Department will send an additional list to the intermediaries concerned.

The implementation measures will also apply to all illegal sites identified in these findings.

The Department will send the list on a monthly basis to the addressees of the measures in accordance with the same formalities as those set out above.

#### A. Websites identified by the Department

The Department shall, in accordance with the mandate given by the President of the Business Court, make reasonable efforts, using the means at its disposal, to identify new mirror sites, redirects or copycats of the 'Target sites'.

If the Department is able to identify such websites, it will communicate the list to the applicant and request to confirm by e-mail that it has exclusive rights to the content offered and that no licence has been granted to the operators of the websites concerned.

The Department will only include these websites in the updated list communicated to the addressees of the measures after such confirmation has been received.

#### B. Websites identified by the applicants

The applicants may provide the Department with the identification data of any website that wholly or partially replicates the infringing 'Target sites' identified in the decision, or any address that provides direct access to them, in accordance with the terms below.

The applicants shall communicate the identification data of the websites by email to the Department's dedicated address <a href="mailto:anti-piracy@economie.fgov.be">anti-piracy@economie.fgov.be</a> and/or via a link for sharing the data provided by the Department.

The communication shall include the following elements:

- The identification details of the websites, including the FQDNs and URLs in the form of an Excel file and a CSV file;
- An indication of the nature of this website (mirror or copycat, redirect);
- Screenshots and/or video recordings with a time stamp confirming the complete or partial similarity of this website with one of the 'Target sites' referred to in the decision;
- Any other element that enables the Department's agents to establish the complete or partial similarity of the website with one of the website referred to in the decision.
- An analysis of the capacity of intermediaries involved in providing access to the identified websites.

The data will be sent in a parent folder containing the files listing each digital service concerned, as well as a folder for each digital service concerned containing the screenshots or time-stamped video captures and any other elements.

The applicant is limited to sending a maximum of one update per week.

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If one of the websites sent to the Department does not meet the criteria, the Department will inform the applicants, that the website in question will not be included in the next update, without prejudice to the applicant's right to reintroduce a completed file for the same website at a later date.

Taking into account the operational capacity of the Department, the total number of new infringing websites to be investigated by the Department shall not exceed 50 per month.

#### VI. Notification to users of intermediary services

In accordance with Regulation (EU) 2022/2065 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 October 2022 on a Single Market for Digital Services and amending Directive 2000/31/EC (Regulation on digital services), the addressees of the measures must inform any natural or legal person using their intermediary service of this Order and to the effect given to it, at the latest when effect is given to the Order.

### VII. Respect for fundamental rights and freedoms

In a ruling dated 16 July 2025, the president of the Dutch-speaking Business Court of Brussels ruled that the applicants' rights appear to be valid and that there is a clear and significant infringement.

The President also found that, after weighing the various interests (the private life of internet users, freedom of expression and the freedom of enterprise of the addressees), the measures sought by the applicants appear to be reasonably justified. Internet users are not prevented from accessing the copyright-protected works without infringing them.

Whereas this Decision implements the ruling of 16 July 2025 without modifying, limiting or extending it, this Decision endorses the reasoning of the aforementioned Order.

In determining the implementation of the measures contained in the ruling, the Department took into account the fact that these measures must be adapted to achieve the intended objective, must be necessary to achieve the intended objective and may not impose an excessive burden on the intermediary in relation to the objective to be achieved (proportionality in the narrow sense).

Proportionality in the narrow sense implies a balancing of the interests involved: there must be a reasonable balance between, on the one hand, the protection of individual fundamental rights and freedoms and, on the other hand, the public interest (the protection of the copyright of publishers and authors) served by the restriction.

Taking into account this proportionality test, several intermediaries (see above) were invited to be heard and were provided with a draft decision regarding the implementation measures.

Eight parties responded to this invitation, namely the applicant (24/07/2025), as well as representatives of SEDO (24/07/2025), Alipay (24/07/2025), Cloudflare (23/07/2025), Amazon (25/07/2025), Microsoft (23/07/2025) and Google (28/07/2025).

The Department received written comments on the draft decision on 28/07/2025 from Amazon, Cloudflare, Google and Alipay.

Based on the discussions with the parties and the written comments which the Department received, the draft decision was amended taking into account, amongst others, the technical limitations raised by the parties.

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As Amazon does not provide services to the 'Target sites', no measures are currently imposed on this company.

Since Internet Archive operates as hosting provider and website owner of Open Library, additional consultation with this party and the applicants is required in order to prevent overblocking. If necessary, the Department will determine the implementation rules in a later decision.

The implementation rules imposed on the intermediaries in the Department's final decision have been adapted to achieve the intended objective, in the sense that they must all restrict access to the Target sites on Belgian territory. These implementation measures are necessary to achieve the intended objective because the owners of the websites that are the subject of this decision in general cannot be identified.

Blocking measures targeting ISPs operating in Belgium as domain name resolution services make it possible to act at the level of their DNS servers.

The dereferencing measures requested from Google and Microsoft are necessary to restrict access to the disputed websites at the level of the search engines and advertisement service and for Google to block illegal app that provide access to the identified illegal target sites.

The measures imposed on SEDO in its capacity as a domain name sales platform will prevent domain names of the Target Sites from being sold or resold.

The measures imposed on Hostinger, GoDaddy, Cloudflare, Unmanaged, Alexhost in their capacity as provider of one or more of the services identified (host, DNS manager, domain name manager, reverse proxy) make it possible to prevent users from accessing the content of the disputed websites via the servers hosting that content or the servers or reverse proxy services facilitating its dissemination.

All these implementation measures are proportionate in reference to the intermediaries whose services are being used by the infringers and make it possible to effectively prevent access to the disputed websites for a large number of users on Belgian territory.

Subsequent to the communication of the Department, the addressees are granted a reasonable period to implement the measures.

Any interested party may inform the Department of any relevant information in its possession, in particular the fact that one or more of the disputed sites covered by the measures have ceased to be illegal.

Where appropriate, the Department will send the addressees of the measures notification that the disputed site(s) will have to be unblocked and shall remove this website from the blacklist available on the website of the FPS Economy.

The redirect page set up by the Department and implemented by the ISPs raises users' awareness of the issue of copyright and related rights protection and provides them with information on legal offers.

If the Department considers that the enforcement measures taken by the addressees of a decision are insufficient, excessive or outdated, it shall refer the matter to the president of the commercial court in accordance with Article XVII. 34/1 of the CEL, in order to have the decision or the implementation measures withdrawn or amended (Article XVII.34/3, §5 CEL).

Consequently, this decision takes into account the fundamental rights and freedoms of the persons concerned in accordance with Article XVII.34/3, §2, third paragraph CEL and justifies them in accordance with Article 2, §4 of the Royal Decree of 18 April 2024 on the establishment of the Department.

If any of the addressees consider that the implementation rules imposed upon them constitute an unjustified infringement of fundamental rights and freedoms or need to be adapted to ensure their

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effectiveness, they may refer the matter to the Department or to the President of the Business Court (see Part XI).

#### VIII. Publication of the Department's decision

In accordance with Article XVII.34/3, paragraph 2, (5) CEL, the Department will publish this Decision on the website of the FPS Economy at the following address:

https://economie.fgov.be/en/themes/intellectual-property/intellectual-property-rights/copyright-and-related-rights/sanctions-and-legal-actions/online-piracy

This publication shall take place within **five working days** of the date of this decision, i.e. by 6 August 2025 at the latest.

#### IX. Publication of the blacklist (Article XVII.34/3, § 6 of the CEL)

The Department is responsible for maintaining and updating a list of websites subject to provisional measures on the basis of an online infringement of copyright, a related right or the right of a database producer.

The Department shall publish the black list referred to in the decision within **eight working** days of 18 July 2025[ - the date on which the Department received the judgement – in this case, therefore, no later than 30 July 2025..

The Department shall systematically publish the updated list of websites that replicate, in whole or in part, the infringing websites identified in the decision, or any address that provides direct access to them, within a period of **8 working days** from the notification of the updated list to the addressees of the measures.

These publications can be found on the website of the FPS Economy, at the following address: https://economie.fgov.be/nl/themas/intellectuele-eigendom/intellectuele-eigendomsrechten/auteursrecht-en-naburige/sancties-en-gerechtelijke/online-piraterij.

When the provisional measures expire, the Department shall remove the infringing website(s) from its blacklist.

#### X. Penalties

The president of the Dutch-speaking Commercial Court of Brussels will impose a one-off penalty of 500,000 euros on any intermediary who fails to comply with any of the Court's measures, including the implementation measures laid down by the Department. This penalty is due starting from the sixth working day after the deadline set by the Department.

Article XVII.34/1, paragraph 9, (3) of the CEL states that:

The implementing provisions of the interim measures, as specified by the Department, adapted where necessary to ensure their effectiveness, form an integral part of these measures, and the violation of the implementing provisions, provided that the Department's decision has been served on its addressee(s), gives rise to the same sanctions as those for non-compliance with the provisional measures, in particular any penalty payments to which they are subject, and for which the President

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of the Business Court has set the time at which they are due, taking into account the implementing provisions to be specified by the Department.

#### XI. Recourse

Title 1/1 of Book XVII of the CEL provides for several means of recourse against this Decision:

## A. Challenging the Decision before the President of the Business Court

Article XVII.34/3, paragraph 2, (6) of the CEL states that:

Within thirty days of the publication referred to in paragraph 5, any interested party, any legal entity referred to in article 17, paragraph 2, of the Judicial Code, as well as any public institution pursuing the same ends as the legal entities referred to in article 17, paragraph 2, of the Judicial Code, may challenge the Department's decision. The challenge is brought exclusively before the judge who gave the order containing the interim measures, the implementation of which has been specified or adapted by the Department, by summons to the legal entity to which the Department belongs and to the beneficiary who filed the original request.

## B. Challenging the Decision before the Department

Article XVII.34/3, paragraph 3 of the CEL states that:

Any interested party, any legal entity referred to in article 17, paragraph 2, of the Judicial Code or any public institution pursuing the same ends as the legal entities referred to in article 17, paragraph 2, of the Judicial Code, may request the Department to modify the implementation of the order containing the interim measures, in particular if it considers that these implementing provisions unjustifiably infringe fundamental rights and freedoms, or to adapt them in order to guarantee their effectiveness. The motivated request is sent to the Department by registered mail.

In the event of a request as referred to in paragraph 1, the procedure referred to in paragraph 2, (6), is suspended, provided that both procedures have the same object. The Department informs the clerk's office of the President of the Business Court by e-mail of the requests referred to in paragraph 1.

## XII. Validity of this decision

This decision shall remain valid until 16 July 2026.

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