

Abstract - Collective administration of copyright and neighbouring and relating rights

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This thesis is focused on collective management of copyright and related rights carried out in accordance with copyright law and EU law.

The aim of the manuscript is to explain this topic and to provide a review of collective management and its modification in accordance to European law.

The thesis is divided into eight chapters each containing a specific aspect of collective management of copyright and related laws.

First chapter is dedicated to the basic definition and concept of collective management and the anchoring and adjustment in the Czech legal order. Moreover, there are discussed the purpose and effectiveness of the institute of collective management, the conditions imposed on the collective administrator and how collective administrator authorization is declared and finally, progress and possibilities of supervision over collective management.

Second chapter is focused on the activities of collective administrator. The most important work obligations of collective administrator are analyzed e.g. blanket and collective licenses and also the management of revenues from collective management.

Third chapter deals with the object of collective management and characterizes the modes in which individual rights are administered.

Fourth chapter describes the relationship between collective management and economic competition and their legislation. Also the monopoly aspects of collective administrators in the Czech market environment are mentioned.

Fifth chapter makes a review of collective administrators who are entitled to collective management in Czech Republic.

Sixth chapter characterizes the novelization of copyright act prepared in order to comply with EU law.

Seventh chapter makes a brief overview of international copyright treaties and collective management.

Eight chapters summarize the development of common EU regulation and the legal aspects of legal regulation of competition. The current issue of cross-border licensing and the draft on collective management are discussed. The acceptance of the uniform legal framework for whole EU significantly facilitates the creation of a single market.