Electronic products and storage are subject to Copyright Levies according to EU directive

Copyright Levies on Products of Information and communication Technologies

More and more devices of information and communication technologies, like computers, printers or copiers, allow copying and reproduction of works that enjoy legal copyright protection. Users store their so-called private copies on accompanying media – DVD, tapes, minidiscs, or on the boards of the devices. In the information society, copyright law globally adapts to this trend. In Europe, this happens particularly within the framework of the European Directive 2001/29/EG. Instead of the owners of rights of creative and artistic works, the countries put levies on products and storage media which allow uncontrolled copying and spreading of these works. These new copyright levies are paid by manufacturers and vendors. Whereas: in every European country rules are different, different amounts are being claimed for different product categories.

According to technological progress, again and again new products qualify for being levied.

Krug and Petersen continuously checks the status of copyright legislation and monitors the development. Results of negotiations between industry and related authorities in all countries of the European Union and beyond are immediately screened. As a result, we can articulate recommendations for companies manufacturing or selling levied products and storage media. Additionally, Krug and Petersen takes over for clients all formal obligations of registrations and the ongoing reporting of numbers of units and sales figures. In order to monitor and evaluate the most recent developments, Krug and Petersen cooperates with experts in the various countries.

Copyright law in Europe – different legislation in every country:
- segments covered (products + storage media)
- amounts of levies
- deadlines and dates
- payment conditions
- special conditions
- responsible authorities
- [...]