



Intellectual Property Department  
The Government of the Hong Kong  
Special Administrative Region

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## Hong Kong's Amended Copyright Law

# Act Now to Strengthen Your Corporate Governance



New provisions of the Copyright (Amendment) Ordinance 2007 concerning directors'/partners' liability came into force on **11 July 2008**.

According to the new provisions:

\* Where an organisation has committed an offence relating to possession of infringing copies of computer programs, movies, television dramas or musical recordings for use in business, its directors/partners may also be held criminally liable.

To help organisations to better manage their copyright assets and to guard against inadvertent end-user piracy in business, the Government has produced a "Guidance Note on Prevention of End-User Piracy in Business" which is available at [www.ipd.gov.hk](http://www.ipd.gov.hk).