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## The United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement – the intellectual property chapter – Christopher Arup

This article gives an introduction to the intellectual property provisions of the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement. The implications for the content of domestic Australian law are considered. In the intellectual property chapter of the Free Trade Agreement, all the major categories of protection are engaged. The article also assesses the effects of the Free Trade Agreement's bilateral style of law making. It compares the Free Trade Agreement demands with Australia's obligations under the multilateral intellectual property agreements.

## A doctrine under pressure: The need for rationalisation of the doctrine of authorisation of infringement of copyright in Australia – Sydney Birchall

The doctrine of authorisation of infringement of copyright will shortly be celebrating 100 years in Australian copyright law. This article explores the historical treatment and theoretical bases of the doctrine. It is argued that the doctrine has been distorted over the years as lawmakers have failed to coherently adapt the principles underlying the doctrine to the challenges presented by emerging technologies. Now, a new and daunting challenge to the doctrine has appeared. Under the Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement, Australia is set to harmonise its legal regime with that of the United States in relation to the liability of internet service providers for authorisation of infringement of copyright. In all the circumstances, it is submitted that now is the time for a comprehensive rationalisation of the doctrine to be undertaken in order to preserve its foundations while simultaneously confronting online copyright infringement with coherent legal weaponry.

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