

Annex 3|*Main Tasks of LACO & COV*

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Literary and Art Copyright Office (LACO)

Literary and Art Copyright Office (LACO), of which, the forerunner was the Copyright Protecting Firm, founded on 27 February 1987, was the State management agency with a nation wide competence in term of copyrights and other related rights. Its function and tasks were:

- To be responsible to assist the Ministry of Culture and Information to perform the state management over copyright. The Office had the following functions and duties:
- To draft bills, laws, decrees and other legal documents on copyright protection; to issue and withdraw the Copyright Certificate, the licenses on professional activities and services of copyright;
- To instruct the Services of Culture and Information to perform the state management over copyright at all level;
- To organize and conduct the cooperation with other countries and international organizations in term of copyright;
- To propagate and popularize law on copyright and undertake information activities of copyright protection; to mature professional knowledge of copyright for relevant carders at central and local levels

Over the past years, LACO had organized over 40 seminars, meetings, workshops, including several international meetings organized by WIPO, UNESCO and other international NGOs. During over two decades (from 1986), LACO had received and issued Copyright Certificates to authors and owners of over 15,000 works.

Copyright Office of Viet Nam (COV)

To admit the new requirements of present life and be in line with the changes in position and functions of the Ministry, the agency for intellectual properties was then entitled the Copyright Office of Viet Nam and given new function, tasks and powers as regulated in the Decision No.41/QĐ-BVHTTDL on May 15, 2008 as below:

Article 1. Position and Function: The Copyright Office of Viet Nam is an agency administered by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, helping the Minister

in realizing the state management of copyright and related rights protection through out the country under the party's policies and the State laws.

The Copyright Office of Viet Nam shall have its own seal and an account at the State Bank.

Article 2. Tasks and powers:

- To submit to the Minister the strategies, laws, mechanisms and policies on copyright and related rights protection,
- To submit to the Minister for his decisions on provisions, cooperation, ordering and insurance of copyright to works and related rights to performances, programs, video programs and broadcasting programs and organize to implement them.
- To assist the Minister in collaboration with the Ministry of Science and Technology in drafting policies and legal documents on intellectual property, implementing joint-projects on intellectual properties and implementing other related activities.
- To take measures to protect legal rights of the State, organizations and individuals in the field of copyright and related rights.
- To provide instructions to local Department of Culture, Sports and Tourism and implementing the functions of state management on copyright and related rights.