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## Important Notice

### NOTICE TO OUR CLIENTS ON COLLECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF COPYRIGHT

Dear Gramex client,

The new Finnish law on collective management of copyright (1494/2016) came into effect on 1 January 2017. It regulates the activities of copyright organisations, in particular client relations between rights owners and organisations. Here we explain, in accordance with Section 9 of the new act, what we at Gramex are doing in relation it, and what you, as our client, need to know.

The act on collective management of copyright will not cause any direct changes to Gramex's activities, since most of what we do was already in compliance with the requirements of the act. In the coming months, however, some changes will be made to Gramex's regulations, and possibly also to client contracts. Notice of the changes will be given on Gramex's website and in our Gramexpress newsletter.

Below are the key provisions of the new act (1494/2016) relating to provision and termination of authorisation rights owners: According to the new act on collective management of copyright, the copyright owner has the right to make his or her own choice of copyright organisation that will be authorised to administer the copyright owner's rights, and has the right to choose also what categories of rights and geographical regions (countries) this administrative authorisation applies to.<sup>1</sup>

The copyright owner can terminate or withdraw the authorisation he or she has provided to the copyright organisation by informing the organisation of this, or the copyright holder can place restrictions on the authorisation such that it will apply only to certain countries, or to certain categories of rights, or be restricted in some other way.<sup>2</sup> Any decision to make changes to or to terminate the authorisation provided to Gramex will come into effect at the end of the year in which this decision was made.<sup>3</sup>

The new act also regulates that the copyright owner has, regardless of the authorisation given by him or her to the copyright organisation, the right to grant a licence for non-commercial use, and to grant this as the copyright owner sees fit.<sup>4</sup>

Gramex will adopt the procedures required by the new act. These reforms continue Gramex's existing policy and will develop our operations. More information [www.gramex.fi](http://www.gramex.fi).

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<sup>1</sup>Section 5(1)

<sup>2</sup>Section 8(1)

<sup>3</sup>Section 8(2)

<sup>4</sup>Section 7