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**Council for Trade-Related Aspects of  
Intellectual Property Rights**

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**NOTIFICATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS  
UNDER ARTICLE 63.2 OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT**

LATVIA: REPUBLIC OF LATVIA - CABINET REGULATION NO. 321 - ADOPTED 10 MAY 2005 -  
REGULATIONS REGARDING THE AMOUNT OF THE BLANK TAPE LEVY AND THE LEVY  
OF EQUIPMENT USED FOR REPRODUCTION AND THE PROCEDURES FOR THE  
COLLECTION, REPAYMENT, DISTRIBUTION AND DISBURSEMENT THEREOF

<b>Notifying Member</b>	LATVIA
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**Details of the notified legal text**

<b>Title</b>	Republic of Latvia Cabinet - Regulation No. 321 - Adopted 10 May 2005 - Regulations Regarding the Amount of the Blank Tape Levy and the Levy of Equipment Used for Reproduction and the Procedures for the Collection, Repayment, Distribution and Disbursement Thereof
<b>Subject matter</b>	Copyright and related rights
<b>Nature of notification</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Main dedicated intellectual property law or regulation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other law or regulation
<b>Link to legal text*</b>	<a href="https://ip-documents.info/2023/IP/LVA/23_14675_00_e.pdf">https://ip-documents.info/2023/IP/LVA/23_14675_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>Notification status</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> First notification <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment or revision to notified legal text <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement or consolidation of notified legal text(s)
<b>Previous notification(s) referred to</b>	Not applicable
<b>Brief description of the notified legal text</b>	
<p>The respective Cabinet Regulation concerns blank tape levy which is imposed on the sale of blank recording media and devices, such as USB drives and smartphones, which can be used to make personal copies of copyrighted content.</p> <p>The Regulation states the amount of the levy, the procedures for its collection as well as the procedures by which the levy has to be proportionally distributed among authors, performers and phonogram and film producers.</p>	
<b>Language(s) of notified legal text</b>	English
<b>Entry into force</b>	10 May 2005
<b>Other date</b>	

**Notification details**

<b>Submission date of notification</b>	15 December 2023
<b>Other information</b>	<a href="https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/108026-regulations-regarding-the-amount-of-the-blank-tape-levy-and-the-levy-of-equipment-used-for-reproduction-and-the-procedures-for-the-collection-repayment-distribution-and-disbursement-thereof">https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/108026-regulations-regarding-the-amount-of-the-blank-tape-levy-and-the-levy-of-equipment-used-for-reproduction-and-the-procedures-for-the-collection-repayment-distribution-and-disbursement-thereof</a>
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