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ATT: All Ministries and General Secretariats - Departments of Information Technology

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SUBJECT: Illegal use of Software

1. As it is known, according to Law 2121/1993 - which addresses among others, issues of intellectual property - computer programs, including the preparatory design material, are explicitly protected as literary works.
2. Under the same regulations, the possession, use, reproduction, marketing, distribution, renting or modification of computer programs, are generally prohibited without the prior written permission of the programs' beneficiaries, apart from the exceptions explicitly stated in the aforementioned Law.
3. Furthermore, under certain circumstances, the Law provides the beneficiary with the right of random checks, in instances where there are indications of violations of the aforementioned regulations and in order to trace possible illegal uses of the programs.
4. In our country there have already been established corporations preventing and dealing with illegal uses of computer programs, and for the judicial claiming of the relevant compensations provided by this law, as well as for the enforcement of all the other penal and administrative sanctions to the offenders.
5. According to the aforementioned, all Information Technology Departments of the Public Sector must immediately enforce all needed controls and take measures for dealing with the potential effects of computer programs' illegal use in Services where computers are used, to avoid negative consequences. We also request that in future

supplies for programs used in more than one computer, an equal number of user licenses should be purchased.

6. The Administrative Departments of all Ministries must immediately enforce all the aforesaid, notify this regulation to the supervisory bodies and verify its implementation.

THE MINISTER

Al. Papadopoulos

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