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ABSTRACT

This independent study aims to study the importance and problem on the acquisition of copyright and the protection of gathering information from the Internet. It investigates and thoroughly analyzes the development, fundamental ideas, principles and regulations prescribe in international copyright treaties, foreign copyright regimes, and the current Thai Copyright law relevant to the acquisition of copyright and the protection of gathering internet data. Owing to a variety of congregations of primary internet data nowadays, while the 1994 Copyright Act of Thailand provides some regulations concerning such issue, it appears that those rules are not clear enough to regulate in practice.

According to the analysis, the consolidation of data from internet is not deemed as a specified work protected by the 1994 Copyright Act of Thailand. The TRIPS Agreement which Thailand is a member state does not also provide the obvious protection on the collect of information from internet. TRIPs merely provides the rules on the protection of gathering information. However, the Copyright Agreements or WCT provide the specific provisions regarding the protection of assembling data from internet; unfortunately, although Thailand is a member country of WCT, it does not give the ratification on this agreement. As a result, Thailand is not bound to amend the current law in accordance with WCT. The researcher believes if the regulations concerning the protection of gathering information from the Internet are clearer, the individuals can be motivated more to express their ideas and create splendid works which are absolutely beneficial to a range of people throughout the country .

As a consequence, Thailand should amend the 1994 Copyright Act of Thailand settling the gathering internet information work as another kind of a creative work which is protected by such law. In order to be in line with the TRIPs Agreement which has not yet provided a specific provision concerning gathering data from internet, it has been suggested that the definition of basic information apparently on internet should be classified as another kind of the copyrighted works.

