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A full summary of this case has been published on [Kluwer IP Law](#) and the case has been discussed on the Kluwer Copyright Blog [here](#).

The CJEU held that Article 2(a) and Article 3(1) of Directive 2001/29 preclude national legislation that gives an approved collecting society the right to authorise the digital reproduction and communication to the public of 'out-of-print' books while allowing the authors of those books (or their successors in title) to oppose or put an end to that practice on conditions laid down by such legislation.

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