

Encryption Research Study

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Subject: Comments on section 1201(g)

ACTION: Request for Public Comment

SUMMARY: The National Telecommunications and Information Administration of the United States Department of Commerce and the United States Copyright Office invite interested parties to submit comments on the effects of Section 1201(g) of Title 17, United States Code, as adopted in the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, Pub. L. No. 105-304, 112 Stat. 2860 (Oct. 28, 1998) ("DMCA") on encryption research and the development of encryption technology; the adequacy and effectiveness of technological measures designed to protect copyrighted works; and the protection of copyright owners against unauthorized access to their encrypted copyrighted works.

COMMENTS:

1. I believe this proposed code addition needs wider public exposure for consideration.
2. Why didn't we didn't use this same approach to low observable (stealth) technology,
 we could have saved a fortune. The United States could have simply painted all of it's
 aircraft yellow. We would have negotiated a treaty with the world and ordered our citizens
 to abide to the same agreement, not to notice yellow airplanes. Then if(when) someone
 shot down one of our yellow airplanes it would not only be considered an act of war,
 but we could fine them too. Don't forget to outlaw the Blueblocker type sunglasses.
3. There are already legal protections for copyrighted work. Let encryption methods
 stand on their own merits and they will progress as the need and market does.
4. Got to love how that technologically poor excuse for protection we now have makes the
 movies I rent flicker, oh please let me pay more for any new equipment that can do worse.
 I find this slow intensity modulation so annoying that without the availability of signal
 boosting amplifiers that were sometimes considered illegal, these "original" videos
 would have been unwatchable and certainly less enjoyable. If you legislate junk I
 won't purchase it.
5. I wonder if this idea is from the same folks who raised our taxes and

usage fees by

\$ 9,000,000,000 while describing it as " revenue enhancing spectrum auctions " ?