

Press Release

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Guernsey is to have the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works extended to it

Guernsey is delighted to have received confirmation from the World Intellectual Property Organisation that the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works will be extended to the Bailiwick of Guernsey on 21st November 2014.

The Convention offers signatory countries (currently 168) minimum standards of copyright protection. This includes literary, dramatic, musical artistic works, , films, broadcasts and typographical arrangements.

Alan Bougourd, Registrar said:

‘this is excellent news for the Bailiwick as it ensures that any literary and artistic works that originate in the Island receive copyright protection in all of the member countries.

It will enhance the Bailiwick's standing within the UK and in the international community relating to these intellectual property rights.’

Deputy Kevin Stewart, Minister for Commerce and Employment said:

‘Having this level of international cover for copyright is essential for Guernsey if it wishes to develop the economy through e-commerce. Having this level of international protection will be another string to Guernsey’s bow and will encourage enterprise and business on the Island.

Alan Bougourd added:

‘We are currently working with the Policy Council and the Law Officers of the Crown to secure extension of a number of other IP conventions to further enhance the Bailiwick’s intellectual property regime globally.’

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