Docket number: 24-CCB-0346

November 13, 2024

Ivan Pyvovarov	– v. –	Bohdana Stepanenko and Maryna Kosarieva
CLAIMANT		RESPONDENTS

ORDER TO AMEND NONCOMPLIANT CLAIM

The Copyright Claims Board finds that your claim does not comply with the requirements of the CASE Act and related regulations. The claim cannot move forward unless it is amended.

If you wish to proceed with this claim, you must file an amended claim by <u>December 13, 2024</u>. If you do not, the Board must dismiss your claim without prejudice, although you may file again in the future before the Board or in federal court. If you file an amended claim and it is found compliant, you will be notified and directed to proceed with service. There is no additional filing fee for an amended claim. 17 U.S.C. § 1506(f)(1)(B).

To make your amended claim compliant, you must resolve the issues identified below. 37 C.F.R. § 224.1(c)(2). If you cannot truthfully correct the errors below, you should not file an amended claim. You may also choose to correct or edit any errors or other information in your claim before you file it again. You do not need to provide a legal argument in your claim – just a statement of facts and circumstances. Being specific in your description gives the other party and the Board more information about your claim. There is no character limit, so please be as detailed as possible.

Foreign Respondent

The Board cannot hear a claim asserted against a person or entity residing outside the United States. 17 U.S.C. § 1504(d)(4). The claim must include the respondent's mailing address. 37 C.F.R. § 222.2(c)(6).

In the claim form, you name two respondents, and list "st. Sykhivska, buil. 10A, fl. 26, Lviv, MA 79066" and "Street Klenova 16, SUMY, MA 40009" as the respondents' addresses. However, Sumy and Lviv are in Ukraine, not Massachusetts (MA). Elsewhere in the claim form, you list SUMY in your own address, which you specify is also in Ukraine. In addition, 79066 and 40009 are postal codes in Ukraine; within the United States they are zip codes in Texas and Kentucky respectively, not in Massachusetts. You also allege that one of the respondents is committing infringement through an "SunStainedGlassUA" Etsy shop, and UA is the country code for Ukraine. Because the respondents appear to be foreign residents based on this information, the Board may not have jurisdiction to hear your claim.

If you file an amended claim, it must include additional information to address these discrepancies and show that the respondents reside in the United States. You must correct the addresses in the "Respondent" section, or

provide additional information in the "Describe the infringement" section of the claim detailing why you believe that the addresses you supplied is correct and appropriate for a claim before the Board. You should only amend the claim if you are raising it against individuals or entities residing in the United States.

Because the respondents appear to be foreign residents, we have not reviewed the remainder of your claim to determine whether it complies in other respects with the legal and formal requirements for a claim before the Board. If you submit an amended claim that the Board may hear, with valid addresses for the respondents within the United States, then the Board will engage in a full compliance review, so you should review the CCB
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Handbook, including the Starting an Infringement Claim chapter, and make sure the rest of your amended claim is compliant.

To submit an amended claim, log into your eCCB account and take the following steps:

- 1. From your dashboard, click the "Amend claim" button and select your docket number from the dropdown list
- 2. Your claim will unlock for editing. The information you originally entered will appear in the same order as in your original claim.
- 3. Make the necessary edits. If you have filed supplemental documents, <u>you must re-upload any documents you wish to include in the amended claim</u> on the "**Documentation**" page. Please include only documents directly related to your claim, and label them clearly.
- 4. Once you have completed your edits, continue to click through the fillable claim form until you reach the "Review" page. The Review page includes all the information that you have provided in the claim up to this point. Carefully double-check the information on this page. If you have any corrections, you can select "Edit" to revise any entries necessary. Each section of information has an "Edit" button, which will take you back to that section so you can make changes. After you make changes, you can click "Save & review" to return to the Review page. Please review your claim carefully. Once you submit your amended claim, you will be unable to edit the claim while it is in compliance review.
- 5. Once you have completed your review and any revisions, you must confirm that the information in your claim is accurate and truthful to the best of your knowledge. To complete the declaration, type your full name into the "Digital signature" box near the bottom of the "Review filing" page and click "Agree & submit."

If you have questions, please contact <u>asktheboard@ccb.gov</u>. Include your docket number in the subject line. The Board is unable to provide legal advice. We can only provide legal information and assistance concerning Board procedures and requirements. If you would like to seek further guidance from a lawyer or a law student at reduced or no cost, please visit the <u>Pro Bono Assistance</u> page on ccb.gov. You may also refer to the <u>Compliance</u> <u>Review</u> chapter of the CCB Handbook for more assistance.