



COPYRIGHT CLAIMS BOARD

Docket number: 25-CCB-0192
May 30, 2025

Tara Mapes

CLAIMANT

v.

Alibaba Group, Taboola Inc

RESPONDENTS

ORDER TO AMEND NONCOMPLIANT CLAIM

The Copyright Claims Board (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 **June 30, 2025**. 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\(c\)\(2\)](#). 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. As the Board does not typically accept separate attached complaints other than just to enhance the factual background of the claim, you should attempt to put all relevant information in the claim form itself.

Impermissible Claim

The Board is only authorized to resolve certain types of copyright disputes. Three particular kinds of claims are permitted:

1. claims of copyright infringement;
2. claims seeking a declaration that activity is not infringement; and
3. claims about misrepresentations in connection with a takedown notice or counter-notice under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA).

17 U.S.C. § 1504(c)(1)-(3). In your claim, you have included a supplementary document (“[Final CCB Complain TARA MAPES.docx](#)”). This document includes additional claims that cannot be heard by the Board. Specifically, you state that this claim is brought, in part, for “[r]emoval or alteration of copyright management information (CMI), including image watermark removal or metadata stripping.” That allegation is not one that the Board could hear. Please review the [Introduction](#) chapter in the CCB Handbook for more information about copyright and the

kinds of disputes that the Board can hear. For more information about what is required to support a claim of infringement, noninfringement, or misrepresentation please refer to the [CCB Handbook](#). In order for your claim to proceed, you must remove allegations concerning claims that the Board cannot hear. As noted above, you should not be attaching a separate complaint to make legal allegations as the Board only accepts documents that enhance the factual background and information or provide evidence for the claim. You should attempt to put all relevant information in the claim form itself.

Relief Over Statutory Maximum

As mentioned above, you have included allegations in a supplementary document (“[Final CCB Complain TARA MAPES.docx](#)”) this document includes requests for relief larger damages award than the CCB can grant for this type of claim. In the supplementary document, you state that you wish to seek “statutory damages under 17 U.S.C. § 504(c) and 17 U.S.C. § 1202 for the unauthorized use and CMI removal associated with the image 'Iris Bliss.' As the copyright registration was filed after the infringement began, the maximum statutory damages available under the CASE Act \$15,000.” The most that respondents can be ordered to pay in damages (actual or statutory) in a CCB proceeding is \$30,000. 17 U.S.C. § 1504(e)(1)(D). However, the maximum amount of statutory damages available from the CCB is \$15,000 for each work that was infringed or \$7,500 per work in instances where the copyright was registered both after the infringement started and not within three months of your work’s first publication. 17 U.S.C. §§ 1504(e)(1)(A)(ii)(I)-(II). Because your work was registered after the infringement began, if it was also registered more than three months after your original publication of the work, you would only be eligible for \$7,500 of statutory damages. Furthermore, to be clear, to the extent an award was issued against both of the respondents, that would still be one award for which the respondents would both be liable, not multiple awards, one against each respondent. Finally, please also note that the Board does not award damages for some of the generalized categories of harm you have raised such as damage to your “professional reputation.” To the extent that you seek actual damages in this case, you will need to prove your actual losses and/or any profits respondents received directly attributable to the infringement.

To address this issue, you may file an amended claim that makes clear what you are asking for and does not allege that you are pursuing remedies from the CCB that it may not provide. For additional information please see page 6 of [Starting an Infringement Claim](#) and the [Damages Chapter](#) of the CCB Handbook.

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, you must re-upload any documents you wish to include in the amended claim 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 asktheboard@ccb.gov. 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 [Pro Bono Assistance](#) page on ccb.gov. You may also refer to the [Compliance Review](#) chapter of the CCB Handbook for more assistance.

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