

Docket number: 23-CCB-0084

May 19, 2023

World Media Alliance Label inc	V	YouTube, LLC
CLAIMANT		RESPONDENT

SECOND ORDER TO AMEND NONCOMPLIANT CLAIM

On March 13, 2023, the Copyright Claims Board (Board) issued a noncompliance order (Order), which stated that the claim filed in this proceeding did not comply with the requirements of the CASE Act and related regulations, and provided instructions about how to submit an amended claim using the standard form. The Order gave notice that the Board would dismiss your claim unless you filed an amended claim by April 12, 2023. Instead of amending the claim using the Board's standardized form, on the due date you submitted two documents that were labeled as "Response to Amend Noncompliant Claim" (Response Documents), which included a Word document that is responsive to issues raised in the Order. Because you are proceeding *pro se* (without an attorney) and to provide you further opportunity for resolution on the merits, the Board will treat your Response Documents as a timely amendment that supplements the original claim, and will consider those filings together as an amended claim. However, the Board finds that your claim, as amended, still does not fully comply with the Order.

If you wish to proceed with this claim, you must file a second amended claim by June 20, 2023. 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. There is no additional filing fee for an amended claim. If you file a second amended claim and it is found compliant, you will be notified and directed to proceed with service. However, if your second amended claim also is found not to comply, the Board will dismiss the proceeding without prejudice. 17 U.S.C. § 1506(f)(1)(B); 37 C.F.R. § 224.1(d).

To make your second 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 amended 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.

Improper Pleading Form

Claims are submitted in the Board through a standardized form, available on eCCB, where claimants must enter all relevant allegations. 37 C.F.R. § 222.2(a)(1). Allegations in support of the claim must be made through the standard form. 37 C.F.R. § 222.5(a). The claim cannot move forward unless it is properly amended following the

instructions at the end of this order. If you file a second amended claim that does not use the Board's standardized claim form without good cause, it will be found noncompliant. You can resolve several of the issues raised in this order if you copy the assertions in your Response Word document (Case Document # 3) and put them in the "Describe the infringement" section of your second amended claim.

Infringing Activity

You have not provided enough information to support an infringement claim against YouTube. As explained in the Order, your allegations indicate that YouTube is an online service provider (OSP) that may be eligible for one of the "safe harbors" in section 512 of the Copyright Act, and you do not provide information supporting your allegations that you sent a takedown notice to YouTube, and that it failed to expeditiously remove or disable access to infringing material upon receiving notice of infringement. Without more specifics, those bare allegations do not provide sufficient details for the respondent to understand what its allegedly infringing acts were. In Case Document # 3, you state that "YouTube failed to remove or disable access to the infringing material after we sent the takedown notice." Conclusory allegations that only recite the requirements for a claim without any detail are not enough to show that you have a claim against YouTube.

If you submit a second amended claim, you must include more details about the takedown notice to support your claim, such as when and how it was submitted to YouTube, what you stated in the takedown notice, whether YouTube responded to your takedown notice, and if so, when, and what YouTube said in response. Alternatively, when you submit the second amended claim, you may include copies of your communications with YouTube about this claim as supplemental documents, if they are sufficient to show that your takedown notice complied with section 512 and that YouTube did not take action in a timely manner. If you include copies of such correspondence as supplemental documents, they must be clearly labeled and identified.

Final Amendment

Your Response Documents address some, but not all, of the compliance issues raised in the Board's March 13, 2023 Order. This is your third and final opportunity to submit a compliant claim in this proceeding. If your claim remains noncompliant, the entire proceeding will be dismissed. 17 U.S.C. § 1506(f)(1)(B).

To submit a second 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 Review</u> chapter of the CCB Handbook for more assistance.

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