

**OPTICAL DISCS PIRACY: ENFORCEMENT OF THE OPTICAL  
DISCS ACT 2000 IN MALAYSIA**

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## **ABSTRACT**

This is research was carried out for the purpose of finding to what extent the Optical Discs Act 2000 is being enforced, particularly on governing optical discs piracy in Malaysia. Through our interviews with a copyright owner, the Police and the Ministry of Domestic Trade, Cooperative and Consumerism in addition with our findings from books, reports, newspapers, journals and websites, we discovered the advantages of this Act and its loop holes. At the end of our findings, we note that the Act needs to be enforced strictly as the Act concerns the root of optical discs piracy which is the production of optical discs.

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## **CHAPTER ONE:**

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

This project paper focuses on the enforcement of the Optical Discs Act 2000 'the Act' in Malaysia. Apart from that, this research paper will also look into the optical disc laws of other countries to compare with Malaysia in terms of the enforcement of the Act. This research paper is divided into four chapters. The first chapter is the Introduction Chapter that consists of 10 parts which are this introduction itself, background, research question, research objectives, research methodology, scope of the research, limitation to the research, significance of the research, Gantt chart and references. The second chapter is the Literature Review Chapter. The third chapter is an entire chapter on Findings and lastly, the fourth chapter is the Conclusion Chapter which consists of suggestions and conclusion.

#### **1.1 BACKGROUND**

In the year 2005, Malaysia was the world's most significant producer or exporter of pirated optical discs.<sup>1</sup> Until today, optical discs piracy remains as one of the biggest intellectual copyright problems in our country.<sup>2</sup> In 2000, the Parliament passed

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<sup>1</sup> United States Trade Representative (USTR) and International Intellectual Property Alliance (IIPA), "2005 Special 301 Report : Malaysia," in *Special 301 Report* (United States 2005).

<sup>2</sup> United States Trade Representative (USTR) and International Intellectual Property Alliance (IIPA), "2012 Special 301 Report on Copyright Protection and Enforcement : Malaysia," in *Special 301 Report* (United States 2012).