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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen
on behalf of the European Commission
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Article 15 of the Directive on Copyright in the Digital Single Market (DSM) Directive¹ provides press publishers with an exclusive right to authorise or prohibit the reproduction and making available to the public of press publications in respect of online uses of such publications by information society service providers.

The objective of this rule is to facilitate the licensing and enforcement of rights in press publications when negotiating for their online use by information society service providers. Article 15 of the DSM Directive does not regulate the remuneration due for the exercise of this right. It only provides that authors of works incorporated in press publications receive an appropriate share of the revenues received by press publishers.

The Commission has been carefully monitoring the implementation of the press publishers' right across EU Member States. Some Member States have introduced specific rules when implementing Article 15 into their national laws, with the aim to facilitate the conclusion of licenses for the online use of press publications and ensure that press publishers are adequately remunerated.

Under Article 30(1) of the DSM Directive, the Commission is required to review the DSM Directive and present a report on its main findings no sooner than June 2026. To this effect, the Commission has recently launched a study which will support the assessment of the effectiveness and practical impact of the directive's provisions, including Article 15.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2019/790/oj>.