

# Marrakesh Treaty Questionnaire – Sweden

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**1. Please indicate the relevant provisions in your national legislation providing for or regulating the limitations and exceptions to facilitate access to published works for persons who are blind, visually impaired, or otherwise print disabled.**

The Swedish provisions in the area of copyright and related rights specifically applicable to persons who are blind, visually impaired or otherwise print disabled are listed in the Act on Copyright in Literary and Artistic works in 17 § and 17 a–f §§ (Lag (1960:729) om upphovsrätt till litterära och konstnärliga verk).

**2. Does your national legislation permit the cross-border exchange (i.e. exportation) of “accessible format copies”, as defined in Article 2 b)<sup>1</sup> MVT? If yes, under which conditions?**

Yes (17 a §). An authorized entity is entitled to prepare copies, communicate and distribute such copies within Sweden or the EEA to beneficiary persons as referred to in 17 § or an authorized entity in the receiving country. The preparation, communication and distribution may be carried out only to a person with visual or reading disability for his or her personal use and must not be carried out for commercial purposes. This gives only a right to prepare copies of works to which the authorized entity has lawful access.

**3. Does your national legislation allow the importation of “accessible format copies”, as defined in Article 2 b)<sup>2</sup> MVT? If yes, under which conditions?**

Yes, a beneficiary person or an authorized entity may import an accessible format copy of a work that has been distributed, communicated or made available to beneficiary persons or to authorized entities, by an authorized entity in a third country that is a party to the Marrakesh Treaty (article 4, Regulation (EU) 2017/1563 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 September 2017 on the cross-border exchange between the Union and third countries of accessible format copies of certain works and other subject matter protected by copyright and related rights for the benefit of persons who are blind, visually impaired or otherwise print-disabled).

**4. Does your national legislation provide a definition of “authorized entity”, as defined in Article 2 c)<sup>3</sup> MVT? If yes, please provide the reference.**

Yes (17 a §). An “authorized entity” in Sweden means

1. a public authority having as its task to provide education, adaptive reading or access to information for persons with a visual or reading disability,
2. an organization providing, without profit-making purposes, the same services as those referred to in 1 if the organization provides the services pursuant to law or other statutes or receives support from public funds for providing such services, or
3. a non-profit organization providing the same services as those referred to in 1 as one of its main tasks or as a part of its public interest mission.

**5. Please provide a list with contact details of entities that can operate as authorized entities in your territory, and any further information that you can provide, such as number of accessible titles in the catalogue of the authorized entity and the languages covered.**

**The Swedish Agency for Accessible Media** is the government agency tasked with the mission of being the national center of knowledge for accessible media. The agency is tasked with producing and distributing literature, newspapers and periodicals as accessible format copies (Ordinance (2010:769) with instructions for the Swedish Agency for Accessible Media). The agency also actively participates in the development of accessible media. The Agency for Accessible Media has a digital library, Legimus, that consist of over 140.000 accessible titles and in over 50 languages.

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**All public libraries** (communal, regional, school, university, central loaning facilities and other publicly financed libraries with other principals) must also prioritize the special needs of people with disabilities including, depending on the persons needs and prerequisites, offering literature and technical support to them so they are able to take part of information (4 §, the Library Act SFS 2013:801).

**The Royal Library** is the national centre for gathering, keeping, digitalizing and make accessible all things published, both print and audio-visual, in Sweden for all eternity. The Royal Library is the government agency tasked by the Government to keep a national overview of the public library system and promote cooperation between all libraries.

**Information and lending office**

E-mail: [info@kb.se](mailto:info@kb.se)

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