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DIVISION 8. SPECIAL BUSINESS REGULATIONS [18400 - 22949.92.2] (*Division 8 added by Stats. 1941, Ch. 44.*)

CHAPTER 11.5. Optical Disc Identification [21800 - 21807] (*Chapter 11.5 added by Stats. 1998, Ch. 712, Sec. 1.*)

21800. (a) Every person who manufactures an optical disc for commercial purposes shall permanently mark each manufactured optical disc with an identification mark that identifies the name of the manufacturer and the state in which the optical disc was manufactured or, alternatively, a unique identifying code that will allow law enforcement personnel to determine the name of the manufacturer and the state in which the optical disc was manufactured.

(b) The identification mark required by this section shall be affixed by molding, diestamping, etching, or other permanent method in a manner in which the identification mark is clearly visible without the aid of magnification or special devices to read the mark.

(Amended by Stats. 2011, Ch. 421, Sec. 1. (SB 550) Effective January 1, 2012.)

21801. (a) No person who manufactures optical discs for commercial purposes shall (1) possess, own, control, or operate manufacturing equipment or any optical disc mold unless it has been adapted to apply the appropriate identification mark or unique identifying code in accordance with this chapter, or (2) make, possess, or adapt any optical disc mold for the purpose of applying to an optical disc a forged or false identification mark or identifying code, or any mark so similar to a manufacturer's identification mark or identifying code as to be likely to deceive.

(b) Any manufacturing equipment, optical disc mold, or production part found on the premises of a commercial manufacturer shall for the purposes of this chapter be deemed to be in the possession of the manufacturer.

(Repealed and added by Stats. 2011, Ch. 421, Sec. 3. (SB 550) Effective January 1, 2012.)

21802. For purposes of this chapter, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Commercial purposes" means the manufacture of at least 10 of the same or different optical discs in a 180-day period by storing information on the disc for the purposes of resale by that person or others.

(b) "Manufacturer" means a person who replicates the physical optical disc or produces the master used in any optical disc replication process. It does not include a person who manufactures optical discs for internal use, testing, or review, or a person who manufactures blank optical discs.

(c) "Manufacturing equipment" means any machine, equipment, or device, including mastering equipment, used for the manufacture of optical discs or production parts in accordance with this chapter.

(d) "Mastering equipment" means any machine, equipment, or device used for the mastering of optical discs or production parts consisting of a signal processor and laser beam recorder or any other recorder, used to record data onto the glass or polymer master disc from which production parts are produced, or to record data directly onto a production part.

(e) "Optical disc" means a disc capable of being read by a laser or other light source on which data is stored in digital form. It includes, but is not limited to, discs known as CDs, DVDs, or related mastering source materials. It does not include blank optical discs.

(f) "Production part" means the item usually referred to as a stamper that embodies data in a digital form and is capable of being used to mold optical discs, and includes any other item, usually referred to as a master, father or mother, embodying data from which a stamper may be produced by means of an electroplating process.

(g) "Professional organization" means an organization whose membership consists wholly or substantially of intellectual property rights owners, and which is mandated by those members to enforce their rights against counterfeiting and piracy.

(Repealed and added by Stats. 2011, Ch. 421, Sec. 5. (SB 550) Effective January 1, 2012.)

21803. (a) Law enforcement officers are authorized to perform inspections at commercial optical disc manufacturing facilities to verify compliance with the provisions of this chapter. Any inspection shall be conducted by officers whose primary responsibilities include investigation of high-technology crime or intellectual property piracy. Inspections shall take place during regular business hours and shall be limited to the areas of the premises where manufacturing equipment is located and where optical discs and production parts are manufactured and stored. The scope of the inspection shall be restricted to the physical review of items and collection of information necessary to verify compliance with the provisions of this chapter. Officers performing inspections may do so without providing prior notice or obtaining a warrant, and shall have the authority to do all of the following:

- (1) Take an inventory of all manufacturing equipment, including the identification mark or unique identifying code that any piece of equipment has been modified to apply.
- (2) Review any optical disc, manufacturing equipment, optical disc mold, or production part.
- (3) Review any record, book, or document maintained under Section 21807, kept in any format, electronic or otherwise, relating to the business concerned.
- (4) Inspect, remove, and detain for the purpose of examination for as long as reasonably necessary any optical disc, production part, or record, book, or document maintained under Section 21807.
- (5) Seize any optical disc or production part manufactured in violation of this chapter.
- (6) Obtain and remove four samples each of the optical discs molded by each mold that has been used or could be used to manufacture optical discs.

(b) No person shall evade, obstruct, or refuse any inspection requested or being carried out by a law enforcement officer to determine compliance with this chapter. The manufacturer, and the employees, servants, or agents of the manufacturer, shall cooperate during the course of the inspection by promptly doing all of the following:

- (1) Providing and explaining any record, book, or document required to be maintained pursuant to Section 21807.
- (2) Pointing out and providing access to all optical discs, manufacturing equipment, optical disc molds, and production parts and demonstrating to the satisfaction of the officer that they include or have been adapted to apply the required identification mark or unique identifying code.
- (3) Providing and permanently surrendering four samples each of the optical discs molded by each mold that has been used or could be used to manufacture optical discs.

(Repealed and added by Stats. 2011, Ch. 421, Sec. 7. (SB 550) Effective January 1, 2012.)

21804. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, any manufacturer of optical discs who violates this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be subject to a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) and not more than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for a first offense, and shall be subject to a fine of not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) nor more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for a second or subsequent offense.

(Amended by Stats. 2011, Ch. 421, Sec. 8. (SB 550) Effective January 1, 2012.)

21805. Any person who buys, sells, receives, transfers, or possesses for purposes of sale or rental an optical disc knowing that the identification mark required by this chapter has been removed, defaced, covered, altered, or destroyed, or knowing it was manufactured in California without the required identification mark, or knowing it was manufactured in California with a false identification mark is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for a term not exceeding one year, or by a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or by both the fine and imprisonment.

(Amended by Stats. 2011, Ch. 421, Sec. 9. (SB 550) Effective January 1, 2012.)

21806. Any person who knowingly removes, defaces, covers, alters, or destroys the identification mark required by this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for a term not exceeding one year, or by a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or by both the fine and imprisonment.

(Amended by Stats. 2011, Ch. 421, Sec. 10. (SB 550) Effective January 1, 2012.)

21807. (a) Every person who manufactures optical discs for commercial purposes shall keep full and accurate records of its manufacturing equipment, and shall make them available to law enforcement for inspection pursuant to this chapter. The records

shall include a current inventory of manufacturing equipment, and every purchase, lease, sale, disposal, or other transaction relating to any manufacturing equipment, specifying the make, model, and serial number of the equipment, the identification mark or unique identifying code which the equipment has been adapted to apply, the date and nature of each transaction, and the full name and address of the party with whom the transaction was entered into.

(b) Every person who manufactures optical discs for commercial purposes shall keep all of the following, for a period of not less than five years from the date of production:

(1) One sample of each optical disc title manufactured by it.

(2) One copy in a retrievable form of the content of each production part manufactured by it.

(3) The name and physical address of the customer, or if the order was placed by an intermediary, the name and physical address of the actual customer who originated the order.

(Added by Stats. 2011, Ch. 421, Sec. 11. (SB 550) Effective January 1, 2012.)