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**Comments on propose DMCA clarifications**

**1. As a former member of the US Armed Forces, the regional codes make purchases made in good faith essentially worthless. And on a two-year tour of duty overseas, that is a lot of money involved to a low paid segment of the population.**

**The downside of permitting this exemption is that producers of saleable media will no longer be able to artificially generate higher prices by producing a release in one market area, then limited releases in other areas. Buyers in an area with limited supplies could buy from areas with a surplus at the market cost.**

**2. As a consumer, if a user buys a device like a printer he would like to be able to fill the cartridge at his leisure instead of being forced to use the vendor's service on their schedule and at their much higher fees. If a new cartridge is desired, then the vendor can sell a new one at the profit decided on.**

**The permitting of this exemption would prevent the vendor from tightly controlling supply and demand for his product and allow the market more free will.**

**3. In both of the above issues it is perceived that DMCA is only being used to control or punish segments of the consumer base for various reasons and profits, and not to protect any real and tangible creative work. While it can be construed that removing DMCA protection for these cases will encourage copyright violations, that is the same argument put forth that kitchen knives should be controlled since some users may use them illegally.**