Intellectual Property for Databases in Syrian and comparative Laws

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Abstract

This research is an attempt to answer a question that is not dealt with completely by the Syrian Copyright Act of 2001. The research argues the essence of databases, by defining it, mentioning its characteristics and what makes it different from the other protected compilations; then it shows the rights which may arise on databases. After that, the research studies the protection which is granted by Syrian Law to the right holders of databases, whether they are authors or investors, arguing in the scope of comparative study with Arabic, foreign, and international statutes. The end, the researcher Lott the need to include databases with more individualized legal rules, which suit its special nature; the researcher recommends right holders to emphasize the importance of contractual protection since it provides a helping factor in reaching the satisfactory protection.