

STOMP calls on artists to take action on consequences of RAAP ruling

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Trade association STOMP is calling on Dutch artists to take action against the RAAP ruling. According to STOMP, an important part of artists' income is at stake and at least €125 million a year in music revenues from Europe is at risk of disappearing.

European artists whose music is used in America do not get paid for it. In the Netherlands, therefore, the hospitality industry, shops, radio and television do not pay for American repertoire either.

"The US does not pay us a fee for our recording rights, so we do not pay them either," STOMP said. "That is in line with international law; that concept is called 'reciprocity'. Because of the 'RAAP ruling', we are no longer allowed to apply that reciprocity in Europe. In the Netherlands, the government has therefore amended our national legislation. Other countries are still waiting for a response from the EU."

Because of the new legislation, about 40 per cent of all revenues collected by Sena on behalf of artists and producers now go to the US, instead of Dutch artists and producers. STOMP: "This is because about 40% of the music we consume in the Netherlands comes from the US. So the 'Sena pie' for Dutch artists has decreased by 40%. For international labels that also release a lot of US music (e.g. the major labels), this problem is less important. Indeed, with enough US repertoire, the new situation may even be advantageous for them. This is why we see little to no action from these international labels and their advocates to solve this problem for Dutch artists."

STOMP wants to highlight this with an open letter and calls on all Dutch artists and their managers to take action. The letter can be downloaded [here](#) (Dutch version) or [here](#) (English version).