

## STRIVING AGAINST PIRACY AND PRINTING SECTOR-2004

### ABSTRACT

In recent years, stunning technological developments made the world a global village and deeply influenced the commercial activities. Especially the manufacturing techniques have been changed as the digital technology become widespread. Today finding a manufacturing process not assisted by computers is almost impossible. The printing press sector has also been affected by the cited developments.

Turkey has been infamously known as a haven for piracy. Until recent times, Turkey was in the black list due to rampant piracy and even became a center of illegal duplication of products smuggled to Europe. To solve this problem, Turkish Parliament enacted the law no. 5101 known as "ANTI-PIRACY LAW" in March 2004 which has been changed the Turkish Copyright Law.

The duplication and the sale of the pirate products has been considerably reduced by force of the cited Law and the determined measures taken according to the EU's demands by law enforcement authorities. However, it should be noted that the cited Law still has legal loopholes to be regulated.

At this point another aspect of this issue should be emphasized: *Incorrect measures taken for striving against piracy*. All measures should be fair and comply with applicable law even they are taken against piracy. For example, if a computer contains pirate software, only the hard disk should be confiscated rather than the whole parts of the computer.

Focusing on the notion of piracy, this study aims to review the relations between piracy and the printing sector from various perspectives.