

The Photographers' Council of the National Union of Journalists has received reports from members expressing dismay at the proposed changes in contract that the UK Photographic portal 'Alamy' (Over 50 million high quality stock images, vectors and videos from **Alamy**, the world's largest stock photo collection.) www.alamy.com is going to impose upon its contributors, many of whom are NUJ members, in April.

The new contract appears to give Alamy wide ranging rights over images even when a photographer has removed all images from the portal (for example). In most of the many changes it appears that almost exclusively the changes are to Alamy's specific benefit, some to the positive detriment of the creator. NUJ members tell us they have protested to Alamy and asked for the Union to do the same on their behalf.

The council can only echo the dismay of NUJ members that such a well-known photographic aggregator that relies on creators for its very lifeblood of content, should wish to penalise its suppliers.

The editorial photographers' forum 'Editorial Photographers UK' has made a comprehensive in depth analysis of the proposed changes <http://www.epuk.org/news/an-open-letter-from-epuk-to-alamy-regarding-the-new-contributor-contract-terms>

Alamy have made a detailed response to this analysis which can also be seen and EPUK have made a number of sensible suggestions. We believe that these are required reading for every supplier of the Alamy Portal.

The NUJ represents members who contribute their own work to the portal, and we ask that Alamy listen to the concerns being raised by creators and sit down and negotiate reasonable solutions with agreed representatives of creators before imposing any contract changes.