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Rule of Thumb

- If the **core message, structure, and data presentation** remain identical, it is still a reproduction and requires **permission**.
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