
ANNOUNCEMENT

from the Copyright Office, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20559

NOTICE OF NEW PROCEDURE

ISSUANCE OF ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION FOR COPYRIGHT REGISTRATIONS MADE BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1978

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Copyright Office

Issuance of Additional Certificates of Registration for Copyright Registrations Made Before January 1, 1978

AGENCY: Library of Congress, Copyright Office.

ACTION: Notice of new procedure.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth a change in the Copyright Office procedure for preparing additional certificates of registration for works registered before January 1, 1978. The issuance of additional certificates of registration is authorized by 17 U.S.C. 706 upon payment of fees specified by 17 U.S.C. 708. The change in procedure described herein is effective upon publication of this notice.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Heretofore, with the exception of certificates covering registrations for prints and labels made in the Patent Office before July 1, 1940, all additional certificates for registrations made before 1978 have been prepared in the Copyright Office by typing the facts of registration from the official records on to printed certificate forms. Under this procedure, an additional certificate is not necessarily a "duplicate" of the original certificate, inasmuch as the forms used in preparing certificates have varied widely in size, format, and wording over the years. In every case, however, the facts contained in the additional certificate are taken from the official record of the registration, and consist only of facts appearing on that record.

Upon publication of this notice, however, the manner in which additional certificates covering

registrations made before January 1, 1978 are prepared will be changed. Henceforth they will be photoreproduced from the original application. The Copyright Office will affix to the photoreproduction a page containing an official certification.

The change in procedure will eliminate time-consuming activity by Copyright Office employees who now type the information on to printed forms. The new procedure will also eliminate the possibility of errors in transcription and make it possible, in most cases, to provide an additional certificate in a format that is identical to the original.

Dated: November 29, 1982.

Michael R. Pew,
Associate Register of Copyrights.

Approved:
Daniel J. Boorstin,
The Librarian of Congress.

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