



ANNOUNCEMENT

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FINAL RULE; POLICY ANNOUNCEMENT

REGISTRATION OF CLAIMS TO COPYRIGHT; GROUP REGISTRATION OF SERIALS

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Copyright Office

37 CFR Part 202

[Docket No. 97-6]

Registration of Claims to Copyright: Group Registration of Serials

AGENCY: Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

ACTION: Final rule; policy announcement.

SUMMARY: This announcement notifies the public of an amendment that slightly modifies the administrative procedures for qualifying to use the group registration of serials option. Under the amendment, the letter currently addressed to the General Counsel's Office should instead be addressed to "Group Periodicals Registration."

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 2, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

In 1990, the Copyright Office adopted a new registration procedure which permitted group registration of serial publications under certain conditions. 55 FR 50556 (1990). This procedure is part of the regulations of the Copyright Office at 37 CFR Chap. II, §§ 202.3(b)(5) and 202.20(c)(2)(xvii). The primary requirement for an applicant to become eligible to use the group registration procedure is for the applicant to establish two complimentary subscriptions of the individual serial title for the Library of Congress. In order to encourage compliance, the regulations required that the applicant submit a letter to the General Counsel's Office, stating that the complimentary subscriptions had been entered.

In administering the group registration procedure, the letter submitted has been addressed to the General Counsel's Office. In the future this letter should be addressed to: Library of Congress, "Group Periodicals Registration," Washington, D.C. 20540-4161. In the future, the Copyright Acquisitions Division, will maintain the file of these letters relating to group registration of serials. Questions or requests for information relating to deposits for group registration of serials should be directed to the Chief of the Copyright Acquisitions Division (202) 707-7125. All other conditions relating to this procedure will continue without modification.

List of Subjects in 37 CFR Part 202

Registration of claims to copyright, Claims to copyright, Copyright registration.

Final Regulations

In consideration of the foregoing, the Copyright Office is amending part 202 of 37 CFR, chapter II in the manner set forth below.

PART 202—REGISTRATION OF CLAIMS TO COPYRIGHT

1. The authority citation for part 202 continues to read as follows:
Authority: 17 U.S.C. 702.

2. The second sentence of § 202.3(b)(5)(ii) is revised to read as follows:

§ 202.3 Registration of copyright.

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(ii) * * * The letter should be sent to Library of Congress, 'Group Periodicals Registration,' Washington, D.C. 20540-4161.

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