

Announcement

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REGISTRATION FOR FOREIGN SOUND RECORDINGS

Copyright for Sound Recordings in General

Public Law 92-140 amends the United States Copyright Law to provide for the protection of sound recordings against their unauthorized reproduction and distribution to the public. It pertains to sound recordings fixed and published on or after February 15, 1972. To secure protection, the published copies of a sound recording must bear a notice of copyright consisting of the symbol © (the letter P in a circle), the year of first publication of the sound recording, and the name of the copyright owner. After the sound recording has been published with the copyright notice, the copyright claim is to be registered in the Copyright Office. For further information, please see Circular 56, which is available free on request from the Copyright Office.

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Copyright registration may be made for sound recordings the authors of which are citizens of the foreign countries listed below. These are the countries to which protection under the United States copyright law is extended by proclamations of the President evidencing special bilateral copyright relations between the United States and the particular foreign country.

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Registration for sound recordings the authors of which are foreign citizens, and which are first published in a foreign country, is made by sending to the Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540, one complete copy of the best edition of the published sound recording, together with an application on Form N duly completed and signed, and a fee of \$6. (Under certain conditions, registration for a foreign work may be obtained without payment of the fee; see the accompanying Circular 4A.)

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