

ANNOUNCEMENT

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COMPENDIUM OF COPYRIGHT OFFICE PRACTICES

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Copyright Office

[Docket RM 84-5]

Compendium of Copyright Office Practices

AGENCY: Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

ACTION: Invitation to comment.

SUMMARY: This is to invite written comment by the public on a new Compendium of Copyright Office Practices which the Copyright Office intends to issue.

Notice: Notice is hereby given that the Copyright Office intends to issue a new Compendium of Copyright Office Practices, designated as Compendium II, under the copyright law which became fully effective on January 1, 1978, including Title 17 of the United States Code and amendments thereto.

An earlier Compendium, now called Compendium I, was issued a number of years ago to reflect Copyright Office practices under the Copyright Act of 1909, as amended. Compendium I applies to Copyright Office actions, in situations which it covers, where the provisions of the Copyright Act of 1909, as amended, are dispositive.

The Compendium is a manual intended primarily for the use of the staff of the Copyright Office as a general guide to its examining and related practices. It is not a book of rules that is meant to provide a ready-made answer to all questions that arise. Any new case presented to the Office may require

special analysis.

The practices of the Copyright Office are subject to constant review and modification in the light of new experience and continuing reappraisal. Accordingly, additions, deletions, and other amendments will be made from time to time. The Copyright Office will provide an up-to-date copy of the Compendium for public inspection and copying. The Office will likewise maintain a separate record of all material withdrawn from the Compendium as superseded.

Copies of Compendium II will be available for purchase from the Superintendent of Documents, United States Government Printing Office, as a looseleaf publication. Amendments and supplements will be published by the Superintendent of Documents in the form of additional or replacement pages as such changes are made.

Section 201.2(b)(3) of the Copyright Office Regulations, Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, which are authorized under section 702 of the current copyright law, provides for a compendium of Office practices.

Since the new Compendium runs more than 300 pages, it is not practical to publish this proposed version in the **Federal Register**. However, it is available for public inspection and copying at the Copyright Office. Also, photocopies of this proposed version are obtainable from the Photoduplication Service of the Library of Congress for \$35; remittances in the form of checks or money orders should be made payable to: Chief, Photoduplication Service. In addition, a copy is available for public

inspection and copying at the office of the Copyright Society of the U.S.A.

Following the expiration of the period for comment, the Copyright Office intends to consider any comments received, make such changes as are appropriate, and issue the Compendium in the manner described above.

DATE: Written comments on this proposed version should be received before July 10, 1984.

ADDRESSES: The location in the Copyright Office where a copy of the proposed Compendium is available for public inspection and copying is Room LM-401 of the James Madison Memorial Building of the Library of Congress, First Street and Independence Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C.

The address of the Photoduplication Service is: Photoduplication Service, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

The location of the Copyright Society of the U.S.A. is: New York University Law Center, 40 Washington Square South, New York, New York.

Ten copies of written comments should be addressed, if sent by mail, to: Waldo H. Moore, Library of Congress, Department D. S., Washington, D.C. 20540.

If delivered by hand, copies should be brought to: Office of the Associate Register of Copyrights for Special Programs, Room LM-403 of the James Madison Memorial Building of the Library of Congress, First Street and Independence Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C.

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