

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

CABLE TV "NOTICE" REQUIREMENTS ELIMINATED — AND — LPTV SERVICE AREA DEFINED

The Copyright Act has been amended with the enactment of Public Law 99-397.

FIRST—

The "notice" requirements in section 111(d) have been eliminated as of August 27, 1986. This means that cable television system operators are no longer required to file:

Initial Notices of Identity and Signal Carriage Complement
Notices of Change of Signal Carriage Complement
Notices of Change of Ownership

SECOND—

A new sentence clarifying the definition of the local service area of a low power television station has been added to section 111(f):

"In the case of a low power television station, as defined by the rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission, the 'local service area of a primary transmitter' comprises the area within 35 miles of the transmitter site, except that in the case of such a station located in a standard metropolitan statistical area which has one of the 50 largest populations of all standard metropolitan statistical areas (based on the 1980 decennial census of population taken by the Secretary of Commerce), the number of miles shall be 20 miles."

This means that a low power television station carried by a cable system within an area as defined above will be considered "local" when the copyright royalty fee is computed.

Should you have questions concerning this information, please contact the Licensing Division of the Copyright Office at (202) 287-8150.

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