



# ANNOUNCEMENT

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NOTICE OF POLICY DECISION.

## CHANGE IN PROCEDURE FOR RECORDING CERTAIN MULTIPLE TITLE DOCUMENTS

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#### Copyright Office

[Docket No. 98-3]

#### Change in Procedure for Recording Certain Multiple Title Documents

**AGENCY:** Copyright Office, Library of  
Congress.

**ACTION:** Notice of policy decision.

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**SUMMARY:** The Copyright Office of the  
Library of Congress issues this policy  
decision changing the recordation procedure  
for a narrow category of multiple title  
documents. The change will be incorporated  
in a revised Chapter 1600 of the  
Compendium of Copyright Office Practices,  
"Recordation of Transfer and Other  
Documents Pertaining to a Copyright," to be  
made available on-line on the Copyright  
Office Website on July 1, 1998.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 1998.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Currently, titles that are repeated in  
documents submitted for recordation are  
indexed as a single "title" and are counted as  
a single title. Similarly, titles that are  
repeated and followed by consecutive issues,  
volumes, chapters or installments are counted

and indexed as a single title, even when  
different registration numbers or dates are  
listed. For index purposes, the title is  
followed by a notation such as "vol. 1, no. 1-  
12".

Under the changed practice, titles that are  
repeated in documents will continue to be  
counted as a single title, except where the  
document lists different issues, volumes,  
chapters, or installments following the title.  
Each such entry will be regarded as a  
separate title, and will be indexed separately  
and counted separately for purposes of  
computing the recordation fee.

The Office believes that this change will  
facilitate the search for individual issues or  
volumes in the Copyright Office records, and  
that the new method of assessing the fee will  
more accurately

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reflect the additional work involved in  
separately indexing each entry.

#### Policy Decision

The Copyright Office's recordation  
procedure set out in Sec. 1615.07 of Chapter  
1600 of the Compendium is amended to read  
as follows:

Single and multiple titles distinguished. A  
single title that is repeated is counted as a  
single "title" for the purpose of computing the  
fee. However, when multiple issues or numbers  
of a serial, or different chapters or installments  
are contained in a document, each will be  
indexed and therefore each is considered to be  
an individual title for which a separate fee is  
charged.

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