
ANNOUNCEMENT

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EXTENTION OF COMMENT PERIOD

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Copyright Office

37 CFR Part 202

[Docket No. RM 83-4]

Extension of Comment Period on Deposit of Computer Programs and Other Works Containing Trade Secrets

AGENCY: The Library of Congress,
Copyright Office.

ACTION: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Copyright Office of the Library of Congress is reviewing its regulations with respect to the deposit, under sections 407 and 408 of title 17 of the U.S. Code, of computer programs and other works which contain material referred to as "trade secrets." The existing regulations of the Copyright Office governing the deposit of works in satisfaction of mandatory deposit under section 407, or in connection with registration of claims to copyright under section 408, appear at 37 CFR 202.19-21. Owners of copyright in works containing trade secrets, especially

owners of copyright in computer programs, have expressed concern about the public availability of materials deposited in the Copyright Office, and have asked that the Office consider the possibility of special deposit provisions. On May 23, 1983, the Copyright Office published a notice of inquiry in 48 FR 22951 (1983), requesting public comment, views and information by July 18, 1983, and reply comments by August 15, 1983, which would assist the Copyright Office in evaluating its present practices and in considering possible changes in its regulations.

There has been great interest shown in this topic. The Copyright Office has received and continues to receive initial comments beyond the stated deadline of July 18, 1983. To assure that interested persons are given a full opportunity to submit views and to allow adequate time for reply comments, the Copyright Office hereby announces an extension to September 12, 1983 of the period for initial comments, and an extension to October 11, 1983 for reply comments.

DATES: Initial comments should be received on or before September 12,

1983. Reply comments should be received on or before October 11, 1983.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted as follows:

If sent by mail: Office of the General Counsel, Department D.S., Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540
If hand-delivered: Office of the General Counsel, Madison Building, Room 407, First and Independence Avenue, SE., Washington, D.C.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dorothy Schrader, General Counsel, Department D.S., Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540, Telephone: (202) 287-8380.

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Dated: August 4, 1983.

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Approved.

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The Librarian of Congress.

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