Public Inspection of Mask Works

This announcement outlines a change in the procedures for inspection of mask works. Previously handled by the Certifications and Documents Section of the Information and Reference Division, inspections will now be scheduled and monitored by the Mask Work Unit. This change is effective immediately. The Certifications and Documents staff will continue to collect inspection fees and to issue receipts.

Inspections of mask works generally may be made between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday-Friday. Inspections take place in the Mask Work Unit, and a member of the Mask Work Unit staff monitors all inspections. Verbatim copying of the mask work is prohibited during the inspection; however, individuals may take notes regarding the work.

To schedule an appointment, call the Mask Work Unit at [202] 287-1497 at least 3 days prior to the desired inspection date. Inspection fees are the same as those for inspection of copyright deposits—$10 per hour or for any fraction of an hour. On the day of the appointment, report to the Information Section, James Madison Memorial Building, Room 401, The Library of Congress, 101 Independence Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C.