CHANGE IN PROCEDURE FOR RECORDING CERTAIN MULTIPLE TITLE DOCUMENTS

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS
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.

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.

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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 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.