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NOTICE.

CHANGE OF MAILING ADDRESS FOR NOTICES OF INTENT TO ENFORCE A RESTORED COPYRIGHT

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Copyright Office

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Change of Mailing Address for Notices of Intent To Enforce a Restored Copyright

AGENCY: Copyright Office, Library of
Congress

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Copyright Office is notifying the public of a change of mailing address for the submission of Notices of Intent to Enforce (NIE) a restored copyright and registration claims in restored works under the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). The number of filings submitted during the first two years of the restoration period necessitated the use of a special post office box, but the number of such filings has dramatically decreased making it unnecessary for the Office to maintain this box. All future NIEs, and GATT registrations should be mailed to the pertinent address specified in this notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This notice is effective February 22, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Uruguay Round General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA) (Pub. L. No.

103-465; 108 Stat. 4809 (1994)) provide for the restoration of copyright in certain works that were in the public domain in the United States. Copyright protection was restored on January 1, 1996, in certain works by foreign nationals or domiciliaries that had entered the public domain for failure to comply with certain requirements prescribed by U.S. copyright law. See, 17 U.S.C. 104A (1994).

A copyright owner of any work meeting the requirements of section 104A may register a copyright claim in the restored work during the life of the copyright. The copyright owner may file a Notice of Intent to Enforce (NIE) the restored copyright in the Copyright Office within two years of eligibility. This NIE serves as constructive notice on any reliance party--anyone who is already using the work or acquired copies of the work before the date of enactment of the URAA. Alternatively, the owner may file actual notice on a reliance party at any time.

The URAA also requires the Register of Copyrights to publish lists in the Federal Register identifying a restored work and its owner[s] if an NIE has been filed by a party who is eligible to file. Thus, depending on its receipt of filings by eligible parties the Office may continue periodically to publish lists.

During the first two years, because of the large number of expected filings and the special processing they required, the Office established a particular mailing address for the filing of NIEs and registration of copyright claims in GATT restored works. It also created special GATT forms for registration of works and published a format for filing NIEs. The initial two year period for filing with the Office ended, for the overwhelming majority of countries, on December 31, 1997. Consequently, the number of filings has decreased drastically; therefore, the special address is no longer needed.

This notice is to inform all interested

parties that the current mailing addresses for filing NIEs and GATT registrations, URAA/GATT, NIEs and Registrations, P.O. Box 72400, Southwest Station, Washington, D.C. 20024, USA is no longer effective. The new address for filing NIEs is GC/I&R, P.O. Box 70400, Southwest Station, Washington, D.C. 20024. The new address for GATT registrations is the same as for all other registrations: Library of Congress, Copyright Office, 101 Independence Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20559-6000.

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