

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

STATUTORY RULES 1990 NO. 356

Subject - Copyright Act 1968

Copyright (International Protection) Regulations
(Amendment).

Section 249 of the Copyright Act 1968 (the Act) provides **that** the Governor-General may make regulations for the purposes **of** the Act.

Section 148 of the Act provides that the regulations **may make** provision applying any of the provisions of the Act **specified** in the regulations, in relation to a country (other than Australia) so specified.

Amendments to the Copyright (International Protection) Regulations have been made to delete and effect reciprocal copyright protection to Singapore and to update the Schedules **to** the Regulations to apply to Singapore Copyright Act 1987 to Australian works in Singapore (Attachment 1).

Amendments have been made to Schedule 1 to update Part I and Part II.

To reflect changes in the membership of countries to the international Conventions (Attachment 2).

Details of the Regulations are set out in the Attachment 1 and **Attachment 2**.

Details of proposed Copyright (International Protection
Regulations (Amendment)
(Amendment of Schedule 1)

Regulation 1: Schedule 1

This regulation amends Schedule 1 by inserting a heading "Countries to which the provisions of the Act apply" and by adding Barbados, Colombia, Cote d'Ivoire, Honduras, Mauritius, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, United States of America and Upper Volta to Part I and deleting Federal Republic of Germany and Ivory Coast.

Part II of Schedule 1 is amended by adding, Belize, Dominican Republic, Republic of Korea, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and deleting Colombia, Liberia, Peru, Mauritius and the United States of America.

The changes in the list of countries included in Part I and Part II of the Schedule reflect changes in the membership of the Berne Convention (Part I) and the Universal Copyright Convention (Part II).

These amendments will operate from the date of gazettal.