

Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Regulations (Amendment) 1996 No. 244

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

STATUTORY RULES 1996 No. 244

Issued by the authority of the Minister for Communications and the Arts

Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act 1986

Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Regulations (Amendment)

Section 8 of the *Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act 1986* provides that the regulations shall prescribe a list, to be *known as* the National Cultural Heritage Control List, of categories of objects that constitute the movable cultural heritage of Australia and are to be subject to export control.

Regulation 4 of the Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Regulations provides that the list of categories of objects that constitute the movable cultural heritage of Australia and are to be subject to export control is the list set out in the Schedule to the Regulations.

This amendment to the Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Regulations amends the Schedule to the Regulation by adding an additional class of documents, as defined in clause 2 of Part X of the Schedule, to Part X of the National Cultural Heritage Control List which relates to books, records, documents, graphic material and recordings. Part X currently prescribes documents which are over 75 years old or which emanate from a government source and which have been identified by a Commonwealth, State or Territory authority for permanent retention *in* Australia.

The purpose of the amendment is to bring within the ambit of the *Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act 1986* documents relating to the 1956 Olympic Games held in Melbourne, which are documents that are not less than 30 years old. The age requirement is included in order to exclude from the operation of the Act an original document which is less than 30 years old or a reproduction of an older document, *the* reproduction having been made less than 30 years ago.

Commencement

The Regulations. come into effect on the date of gazettal.