

Planned activity

Field	Content
Name of Division/Office	Classification, Human Rights and Copyright Division
Title	<p>Copyright – statutory review of Parallel Importation Enforcement Amendments</p> <p>[Statutory review of amendments to the <i>Copyright Act 1968</i> made by Schedule 4 of the <i>Copyright Amendment (Parallel Importation) Act 2003</i>]</p>
Description of issue	<p>Under s 15 of Copyright Amendment (Parallel Importation) Act, the Minister must cause a review of the operation of the amendments made by Schedule 4 to be carried out as soon as practicable after the fourth anniversary of the commencement of that Schedule. Schedule 4 commenced on 13 May 2003.</p> <p>Schedule 4 contained a range of amendments aimed at enhancing copyright enforcement measures in the Copyright Act. Some of the Schedule 4 provisions have since been further amended and to avoid duplication these provisions are not included within the scope of the review.</p> <p>The review has been commenced by the Government and relates to the following amendments to the Copyright Act:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) conferral of jurisdiction on the Federal Magistrates Court (b) additional matters which may be taken into account by the court in determining relief to be granted in civil copyright matters, and (c) extending the offence relating to advertising the supply of an infringing copy to cover all ‘work or other subject-matter’.
Consultation opportunities	<p>On 27 July 2007, the Department circulated letters outlining the provisions to be reviewed to 36 key copyright stakeholders and law enforcement bodies as well as the Law Council of Australia and the Federal Magistrates Court, based on their interest in previous consultations. Seven submissions were received by in response to these letters.</p>
Expected timetable	<p>The review is expected to be tabled in Parliament in 2008.</p>

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