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**COPYRIGHT ACT 1968 COMMENCEMENT DATE FOR AMENDMENTS RELATING TO PACKAGING AND LABELLING**

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provided advice on the commencement date of the 'packaging and labelling' amendments to the *Copyright Act 1968* contained in the *Copyright Amendment Act (No.1) 1998.*

Copyright owners who have lodged Notice of Objection with Customs are advised that the date of effect for these amendments is **31 January 2000**, not 1 February 2000 as previously advised.

ACN 2000/02 also advised that a 'non-infringing accessory' means accessories

made in WTO member countries where the owner of the copyright in that country authorised the making of the accessory. Copyright owners are advised that the legislation defines a 'non-infringing accessory' to also include accessories made in

*'a country that is a party to the International Convention for the Protection*

*of Literary and Artistic Works concluded at Berne on 9 September 1886.' (Berne Convention)*

A current list of Berne Convention countries is provided at Attachment A. Further information about copyright may be obtained by contacting:

the Intellectual Property Branch in the Attorney-General's Department which has produced a booklet on copyright law entitled 'Copyright Law in Australia: A Short Guide'. Copies may be obtained by phoning (02) 6250 6875 or by accessing the booklet

electronically at the Attorney-General's website, Window on the Law: [HREF="http://law.gov.au/clrc/](http://law.gov.au/clrc/)"&gt;<http://law.gov.au/clrc/>

the Australian Copyright Council who may be contacted on telephone (02) 9318 1788 or at [http://www.copyright.org.au](http://www.copyright.org.au/)

Customs enquiries can be directed to Ms Kathy Hart, IPR Policy, on (02) 6275 6045. (P. Gulbransen)

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February 2000

**ATTACHMENT A TO ACN 2000/11**

List of States party to the Berne Convention (correct at 20 January 2000)

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| Albania | Gambia | New Zealand |
| Algeria | Georgia | Niger |
| Argentina | Germany | Nigeria |
| Australia | Ghana | Norway |
| Austria | Greece | Oman |
| Azerbaijan | Grenada | Pakistan |
| Bahamas | Guatemala | Panama |
| Bahrain | Guinea | Paraguay |
| Bangladesh | Guinea-Bissau | Peru |
| Barbados | Guyana | Philippines |
| Belarus | Haiti | Poland |
| Belgium | Holy See | Portugal |
| Benin | Honduras | Republic of Korea |
| Bolivia | Hungary | Republic of Moldova |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | Iceland | Romania |
| Botswana | India | Russian Federation |
| Brazil | Indonesia | Rwanda |
| Bulgaria | Ireland | Saint Kitts and Nevis |
| Burkina Faso | Israel | Saint Lucia |
| Cameroon | Italy | Saint Vincent and the Grenadines |
| Canada | Jamaica | Senegal |
| Cape Verde | Japan | Singapore |
| Central African Republic | Jordan | Slovakia |
| Chad | Kazakhstan |  |

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|  |  | Slovenia |
| Chile | Kenya | South Africa |
| China | Kyrgyzstan | Spain |
| Colombia | Latvia | Sri Lanka |
| Congo | Lebanon | Suriname |
| Costa Rica | Lesotho | Swaziland |
| Cote d'Ivoire | Liberia | Sweden |
| Croatia | Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | Switzerland |
| Cuba | Liechtenstein | Tajikistan |
| Cyprus | Lithuania | Thailand |
| Czech Republic | Luxembourg | The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo | Madagascar | Togo |
| Denmark | Malawi | Trinidad and Tobago |
| Dominica | Malaysia | Tunisia |
| Dominican Republik | Mali | Turkey |
| Ecuador | Malta | Ukraine |
| Egypt | Mauritania | United Kingdom |
| El Salvador | Mauritius | United Republic of Tanzania |
| Equatorial Guinea | Mexico | United States of America |
| Estonia | Monaco | Uruguay |
| Fiji | Mongolia | Venezuela |
| Finland | Morocco | Yugoslavia |
| France | Namibia | Zambia |
| Gabon | Netherlands | Zimbabwe |