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COPYRIGHT ACT (COMMENCEMENT) ORDER

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77 of 2000.

COPYRIGHT ACT (COMMENCEMENT) ORDER

[26th August, 2000.]

Short title.

1. This Order may be cited as the

COPYRIGHT ACT (COMMENCEMENT) ORDER.

Commencement of Act No. 12 of 2000.

2. In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 2 of the Copyright Act (No. 12 of 2000), and all other powers thereunto me enabling, **I, GODFREY SMITH**, Attorney General, do hereby appoint the 21st day of August, 2000 as the day on which the said Act shall come into force.

MADE this 21st day of August, 2000.

(GODFREY SMITH)

Attorney General

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COPYRIGHT (SPECIFIED COUNTRIES) ORDER

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75 of 2001.

COPYRIGHT (SPECIFIED COUNTRIES) ORDER

[19th May, 2001.]

Short title.

1. This Order may be cited as the

COPYRIGHT (SPECIFIED COUNTRIES) ORDER.

Specified Countries. Schedule.

2. (1) The countries specified in the Schedule to this Order, being members of the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works of 1886 as revised and amended, are hereby declared to be specified countries for the purposes of copyright protection in Belize pursuant to section 3(1) as read with section 143 of the Act.

(2) Where a country becomes a party to the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works of 1886, as revised and amended, after the commencement of this Order, the provisions of, and the benefits of copyright protection conferred by, this Order shall apply to such country with effect from the date it becomes a party to the Convention.

Proof of status as a Berne Convention country.

3. Any circular, notice or list which may be issued by the World Intellectual Property Organisation from time to time, setting out the Countries which are parties to the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works, and the dates on which such countries became parties to the Convention, shall be sufficient proof of a country's membership of the Convention for the purposes of paragraph 2(2) of this Order.

Commencement.

4. This Order shall come into force on signature.

MADE by the Attorney General this 14th day of May, 2001.

(GODFREY SMITH)
Attorney General

SCHEDULE**[Order 2 (1)]**

Albania
Algeria
Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina
Australia
Austria
Azerbaijan
Bahamas
Bahrain
Bangladesh
Barbados
Belarus
Belgium
Belize
Benin
Bolivia
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Botswana
Brazil
Bulgaria
Burkina Faso
Cameroon
Canada
Cape Verde
Central African Republic
Chad
Chile
China, including the Special Administrative
Regions of Hong Kong and Macau

Colombia
Congo
Costa Rica
Cote d'Ivoire
Croatia
Cuba
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Denmark
Dominica
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador
Equatorial Guinea
Estonia
Fiji
Finland
France
Gabon
Gambia
Georgia
Germany
Ghana
Greece
Grenada
Guatemala
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Guyana
Haiti
Holy See
Honduras

Hungary
Iceland
India
Indonesia
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Jamaica
Japan
Jordan
Kazakhstan
Kenya
Kyrgyzstan
Latvia
Lebanon
Lesotho
Liberia
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Liechtenstein
Lithuania
Luxemburg
Madagascar
Malawi
Malaysia
Mali
Malta
Mauritania
Mauritius
Mexico
Monaco
Mongolia
Morocco
Namibia

Netherlands
New Zealand
Niger
Nigeria
Norway
Oman
Pakistan
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Philippines,
Poland
Portugal
Qatar
Republic of Korea
Republic of Moldova
Romania
Russian Federation
Rwanda
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Senegal
Singapore
Slovakia
Slovenia
South Africa
Spain
Sri Lanka
Suriname
Swaziland
Sweden
Switzerland
Tajikistan

Thailand
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Togo
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey
Ukraine
United Kingdom
United Republic of Tanzania
United States of America
Uruguay
Venezuela
Yugoslavia
Zambia
Zimbabwe

(Total: 144 states)
