

INTERNATIONAL UNION

AUSTRALIA

Accession to the Brussels Act (1948) of the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works (with effect from June 1, 1969)

Notification of the Swiss Government to the Governments of Union Countries

An instrument of accession of the Commonwealth of Australia to the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works, of September 9, 1886, as revised at Brussels on June 26, 1948, was deposited with the Swiss Federal Political Department on April 1, 1969.

The said instrument was accompanied by the following declaration:

“The Government of the Commonwealth of Australia having considered the said Convention hereby accedes to it on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia subject to the

specific declaration that the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia accepts the provisions of Article 11 of the Convention on the understanding that it remains free to enact such legislation as it considers necessary in the public interest to prevent or deal with any abuse of the monopoly rights conferred upon owners of copyright by the law of the Commonwealth of Australia.”

This accession is notified in accordance with Article 25, paragraph (2), of the Convention and will take effect on June 1, 1969, pursuant to paragraph (3) of the said Article.

Berne, May 1, 1969.

GENERAL STUDIES

Copyright, a new form of property