

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

STATUTORY RULES 1983 No. 81

BOUNTY (BOOKS) REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT)

Issued by the Authority of the Minister
for Industry and Commerce

The purpose of the regulations is to amend the Bounty (Books) Regulations to accommodate changes in the Bounty Books Act 1969 (the Act) which were made in 1979 and to provide greater flexibility concerning late applications for bounty as provided in more recent legislation.

Regulation 1 is to be made as a consequence of recent administrative problems which arose as a result of the interpretation of the expression "for reasons outside the control of the applicant". This regulation will provide greater flexibility concerning late applications for bounty and bring the Bounty (Books) Regulations into line with more recent bounty regulations which make no reference to "the control of the applicant".

Sub-regulation 4(2) of the Bounty (Books) Regulations provides for an extension of time to be granted in relation to the lodgement of book bounty claims where it is not reasonably practicable, for reasons outside the control of the applicant, for claims to be delivered within the period specified in sub-regulation 4(1).

Sub-regulation 1(a) makes provision in sub-regulation 4(1) of the Bounty (Books) Regulations for the Minister to extend the period within which an application for bounty is to be delivered to the appropriate officer up to a maximum of 12 months after the date of completion of the production of the book to which the application relates.

Sub-regulation 1(b) remakes existing sub-regulation 4(2) to provide that the Minister shall not allow an extension of time for the application of bounty to be delivered to the appropriate officer unless a request in writing for an extended period has, whether before or after the 3 months after the date of completion of the production of the book to which the application relates, been made by, or on behalf of the applicant; and the application could not, or cannot, reasonably be expected to have been made, or to be made, within that period.

Regulation 2 makes amendments to regulation 5 to provide that an application for bounty shall state, that where the publisher has supplied paper or binding materials to the manufacturer or a manufacturer of the book, details of the quantities supplied and used, and the cost of the purchase (if any) incurred by the manufacturer, and, if the applicant is the publisher, its cost to him if supplied free of charge to the manufacturer.

This amendment will bring regulation 5 into line with the provisions contained in sub-section 4(5) and 6(2) of the Act which were inserted by an amendment in 1979.

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