

Office, LM-403, James Madison Memorial Building, 101 Independence Avenue, SE., Washington, DC. If delivered by means of the United States Postal Service, comments should be addressed to David O. Carson, General Counsel, Copyright GC/I&R, PO Box 70400, Southwest Station, Washington, DC 20024-0400.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rob Kasunic, Office of the General Counsel, Copyright GC/I&R, PO Box 70400, Southwest Station, Washington, DC 20024-0400. Telephone (202) 707-8380; telefax (202) 707-8366.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Copyright Office of the Library of Congress is currently conducting proceedings mandated by the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, which provides that the Librarian of Congress may exempt certain classes of works from the prohibition against circumvention of technological measures that control access to copyrighted works. *See* 17 U.S.C. 1201(a)(1)(C). The purpose of this rulemaking proceeding is to determine whether there are particular classes of works as to which users are, or are likely to be, adversely affected in their ability to make noninfringing uses due to the prohibition on circumvention. If there are, the Librarian may exempt such classes from the statutory prohibition.

Comments proposing classes of works to be exempted were due December 18, 2002. However, in order to provide flexibility in this rulemaking proceeding and to take into account unforeseen developments that might significantly affect the recommendation of the Register of Copyrights, the Office's October 15, 2002 Notice of Inquiry provided an opportunity to petition the Register for consideration of new information that could not reasonably have been known prior to the December 18 deadline. *See* Exemption to Prohibition on Circumvention of Copyright Protection Systems for Access Control Technologies, 67 FR 63578, 63582 (October 15, 2002). The Notice of Inquiry states that a petition to consider new classes of works proposed for exemption must be in writing and must set forth the reasons why the information could not have been made available earlier and why it should be considered by the Register after the deadline. A petition must also set forth the proposed class or classes of works to be exempted, a summary of the argument, the factual basis for such an exemption and the legal argument supporting such an exemption. The Register's determination whether to

accept such a petition is based on the stage of the rulemaking process at which the request is made and the merits of the petition.

Static Control Components, Inc. ("Static Control") has petitioned for consideration of the following classes of works:

1. Computer programs embedded in computer printers and toner cartridges and that control the interoperation and functions of the printer and toner cartridge;
2. Computer programs embedded in a machine or product and which cannot be copied during the ordinary operation or use of the machine or product; and
3. Computer programs embedded in a machine or product and that control the operation of a machine or product connected thereto, but that do not otherwise control the performance, display or reproduction of copyrighted works that have an independent economic significance.

The Register of Copyrights has determined that Static Control has adequately explained why the information set forth in its petition could not have been made available earlier, and that Static Control has set forth sufficiently serious arguments on the merits to warrant consideration of its proposal after the initial deadline. Accordingly, the "Petition of Static Control Components, Inc. for Consideration of New Information" has been accepted as a comment proposing three classes of works to be exempted from the prohibition on circumvention, and interested parties are invited to submit reply comments responsive to this comment, either in support of or opposition to the Static Control proposal. Static Control's comment is available on the Copyright Office Web site at <http://www.copyright.gov/1201/2003/petitions/>.

Reply comments responsive to this new comment will be accepted from February 24, 2003 until March 10, 2003, at 5 pm Eastern Standard Time. Commenters are encouraged to file their comments electronically. *See* ADDRESSES, above. Please review the initial Notice of Inquiry for format requirements for comments. *See* 67 FR at 63582 (October 15, 2002).

Dated: February 5, 2003.

**David O. Carson,**

*General Counsel, Copyright Office.*

[FR Doc. 03-3256 Filed 2-7-03; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 1410-30-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### 38 CFR Part 3

RIN 2900-AL36

#### Presumption of Service Connection for Cirrhosis of the Liver in Former Prisoners of War

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) proposes to amend its adjudication regulations concerning presumptive service connection for certain diseases. The proposed amendment would add cirrhosis of the liver to the list of diseases for which entitlement to service connection is presumed for former prisoners of war (POWs). The intended effect is to make it easier for former POWs to obtain compensation for cirrhosis based on scientific and medical research showing a significantly higher risk of death from cirrhosis in former World War II POWs than in the general population.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 11, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail or hand deliver written comments to: Director, Office of Regulations Management (02D), Room 1154, 810 Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20420; or fax comments to (202) 273-9289; or e-mail comments to [OGCRegulations@mail.va.gov](mailto:OGCRegulations@mail.va.gov). Comments should indicate that they are submitted in response to "RIN 2900-AL36." All comments received will be available for public inspection in the Office of Regulations Management, Room 1158, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beth McCoy, Consultant, Regulations Staff, Compensation and Pension Service (211A), Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 111 W. Huron Street, Room 22, Buffalo, NY 14202, (716) 551-4842.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 1112(b) of title 38, United States Code, designates 15 diseases considered to have been incurred in or aggravated during active duty service by former POWs detained or interned for at least 30 days, even though there is no record of such diseases during the period of service. Each listed disease must have become manifest to a degree of 10 percent or more after active duty service. VA implemented the provisions of 38 U.S.C. 1112(b) at 38 CFR 3.309(c). Former POWs are entitled to service connection for any of the 15 listed