

United States Code Annotated  
Title 17. Copyrights (Refs & Annos)  
Chapter 1. Subject Matter and Scope of Copyright (Refs & Annos)

17 U.S.C.A. § 113

§ 113. Scope of exclusive rights in pictorial, graphic, and sculptural works

Currentness

**(a)** Subject to the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section, the exclusive right to reproduce a copyrighted pictorial, graphic, or sculptural work in copies under [section 106](#) includes the right to reproduce the work in or on any kind of article, whether useful or otherwise.

**(b)** This title does not afford, to the owner of copyright in a work that portrays a useful article as such, any greater or lesser rights with respect to the making, distribution, or display of the useful article so portrayed than those afforded to such works under the law, whether title 17 or the common law or statutes of a State, in effect on December 31, 1977, as held applicable and construed by a court in an action brought under this title.

**(c)** In the case of a work lawfully reproduced in useful articles that have been offered for sale or other distribution to the public, copyright does not include any right to prevent the making, distribution, or display of pictures or photographs of such articles in connection with advertisements or commentaries related to the distribution or display of such articles, or in connection with news reports.

**(d)(1)** In a case in which--

**(A)** a work of visual art has been incorporated in or made part of a building in such a way that removing the work from the building will cause the destruction, distortion, mutilation, or other modification of the work as described in [section 106A\(a\)\(3\)](#), and

**(B)** the author consented to the installation of the work in the building either before the effective date set forth in [section 610\(a\)](#) of the Visual Artists Rights Act of 1990, or in a written instrument executed on or after such effective date that is signed by the owner of the building and the author and that specifies that installation of the work may subject the work to destruction, distortion, mutilation, or other modification, by reason of its removal,

then the rights conferred by [paragraphs \(2\) and \(3\) of section 106A\(a\)](#) shall not apply.

**(2)** If the owner of a building wishes to remove a work of visual art which is a part of such building and which can be removed from the building without the destruction, distortion, mutilation, or other modification of the work as described in [section 106A\(a\)\(3\)](#), the author's rights under [paragraphs \(2\) and \(3\) of section 106A\(a\)](#) shall apply unless--

(A) the owner has made a diligent, good faith attempt without success to notify the author of the owner's intended action affecting the work of visual art, or

(B) the owner did provide such notice in writing and the person so notified failed, within 90 days after receiving such notice, either to remove the work or to pay for its removal.

For purposes of subparagraph (A), an owner shall be presumed to have made a diligent, good faith attempt to send notice if the owner sent such notice by registered mail to the author at the most recent address of the author that was recorded with the Register of Copyrights pursuant to paragraph (3). If the work is removed at the expense of the author, title to that copy of the work shall be deemed to be in the author.

(3) The Register of Copyrights shall establish a system of records whereby any author of a work of visual art that has been incorporated in or made part of a building, may record his or her identity and address with the Copyright Office. The Register shall also establish procedures under which any such author may update the information so recorded, and procedures under which owners of buildings may record with the Copyright Office evidence of their efforts to comply with this subsection.

#### CREDIT(S)

(Pub.L. 94-553, Title I, § 101, Oct. 19, 1976, 90 Stat. 2560; Pub.L. 101-650, Title VI, § 604, Dec. 1, 1990, 104 Stat. 5130.)

#### [Notes of Decisions \(10\)](#)

17 U.S.C.A. § 113, 17 USCA § 113

Current through P.L. 116-91. Some statute sections may be more current, see credits for details.