



eCO Disruption Declaration Form

The U.S. Copyright Office's Electronic Copyright Office (eCO) was unavailable to the public between August 12, 2021, at 5:00 pm eastern time and August 29, 2021, at 6:00 am eastern time. This disruption was caused by a technical upgrade to the system. As a result of this disruption, many people were unable to submit an electronic application, fee, or deposit during the period.

Now that the disruption has ended, you may submit your claim via eCO. The Office may assign an earlier effective date to your registration (EDR) based on the date that your application, fee, and deposit would have been received if there had been no disruption. **To be eligible for an adjustment, your application, fee, and deposit must be received by 6:00 am September 29, 2021.** However, the declaration itself may be submitted by September 1, 2022.

Follow these instructions to request an earlier EDR:

I. FOR NEW SUBMISSIONS DELAYED DUE TO THE DISRUPTION:

1. Complete an electronic application and filing fee through eCO.
2. Complete the eCO Disruption Declaration Form below then upload the signed declaration through the Deposit Submission screen in eCO. If you choose not to submit your declaration with your application, then you must follow the directions in Part II for submitting your declaration form.
 - Be sure to include the month, day, and year (08/DD/2021) that you attempted to submit a copyright registration application, fee, or deposit.
 - Sign the eCO Disruption Declaration Form. You don't need to provide a handwritten signature. Instead, you may sign the form by typing your name in the space provided. The form does not need to be notarized or witnessed.
3. Submit a copy of your work by 6:00 am September 29, 2021:
 - Upload an electronic copy through the Deposit Submission screen in eCO. Read more.
 - OR
 - If you are required to submit a physical copy of the best edition, print a shipping slip from the Deposit Submission screen in eCO, attach it to a physical copy of the work, and mail the package to the Copyright Office at the address provided in the shipping slip. Ensure that it is sent with enough time to be received by the Office by September 29, 2021. Read more.

II. FOR DECLARATIONS AFTER HAVING ALREADY SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION:

1. Send the completed declaration to declaration@copyright.gov. Note that the application, fee, and deposit must have been received by the Office by 6:00 am September 29, 2021, to be eligible to submit the declaration.
2. Include the SR number of the claim that was affected by the disruption but already submitted.
3. Be sure to include the month, day, and year (08/DD/2021) that you originally attempted to submit a copyright registration application, fee, or deposit.

Under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America,

The undersigned, as the applicant or the applicant's duly authorized agent or representative, hereby declares that

I was unable to submit an application, fee, or deposit for copyright registration through the electronic registration system between August 12, 2021, at 5:00 pm eastern time and August 29, 2021, at 6:00 am eastern time, because the eCO system was unavailable to the public.

I attempted to complete the submission of an application, fee, and deposit on _____ but was unable to do so because of this disruption.

I acknowledge that any person who knowingly makes a false representation of a material fact in the application for copyright registration provided for by 17 USC § 409, or in any written statement filed in connection with the application, is subject to criminal penalties under 18 USC § 1001(a)(2).

Printed name: _____ Date: _____

FOR DECLARATIONS SUBMITTED AFTER HAVING ALREADY SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION:

The Service Request (SR) Number of the application: _____