



new regulations issued by the copyright office affecting thousands of websites

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The Copyright Office officially released an announcement Monday, October 31st, about new regulations affecting all online service providers who seek liability limitations under 17 U.S.C. § 512 (i.e., the DMCA). The regulations, which are effective as of **December 1, 2016**, require that **all** service providers (even those who have previously designated agents) file new forms prior to **December 31, 2017** to (re)name their copyright designated agents, who are to receive takedown notices from copyright owners related to allegedly infringing content. This (re)designation process must be completed through the Copyright Office's *new online registration system*. Paper forms will no longer be accepted. Moreover, companies must renew their agent designations *every three years*.

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